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Egged works committee member addresses bus cooperative men who demonstrated in front of the Knesset yesterday. Riotous scenes developed and water cannon were used against them as they attempted to burst their way through to the building. Story on Page 2.

MINISTERS EASE TERMS ON IL50m. EGGED LOAN

By DAVID KRIVINE

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Egged is to get its IL50m. — provided the Knesset Finance Committee agrees. The decision to approve the loan was taken by the ministerial Economic Committee yesterday.

The loan is conditional on an acceptance of the management of the Golomb Commission's recommendations and on an immediate assumption of country wide bus service — which was halted by Egged last Thursday night.

No one opposed the motion, which means that it binds all factions in the Government Coalition. It is understood that the Interior Minister Yosef Burg will try to persuade his fellow-members of the NRP to toe the line.

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WASHINGTON. — President Ford probably will visit five Middle Eastern countries — Israel, Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia — this spring in an effort to keep a cap on the Arab-Israeli dispute, a senior American official said.

The purpose would be to keep an American hand in the Middle East even as Secretary of State Kissinger's step-by-step diplomacy may be nearing a dead end.

In the U.S. view the "political realities" make Israeli concessions unlikely in a presidential election year. Still, the Arab states are said to have a continuing interest in a diplomatic solution rather than another war.

Newsmen were given this assessment as they returned yesterday with Kissinger from Europe. Within about six weeks the Administration hopes to settle on what a senior American official called "a concept" for resuming Middle East negotiations, possibly at Geneva. (AP)

PLO widens control in Lebanon

By ANAN SAFADI

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The Palestine Liberation Organization yesterday decided to set up joint squads with the leftists to "police" more of Beirut's districts in effect causing yet another setback for the Christian forces in Lebanon. The PLO, aided by units from the Palestine Liberation Army which penetrated from Syria is already controlling security in northern, eastern and southern Lebanon.

Syria's chief mediator in the 10-month-long Lebanese civil strife, Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam, yesterday conferred in Beirut with Christian leaders, whose assent to current moves is seen as vital for the ceasefire which was still holding for the third day running yesterday.

Unconfirmed reports said that Khaddam had promised that all PLO elements would be pulled back from Beirut and other areas once the Lebanese security forces regain control of the situation in war-ravaged Lebanon.

The demand for such a pullback was voiced by Interior Minister Camille Chamoun who indicated that he was opposed to the presence of other than government forces in Lebanese cities.

Modern Premier — Rashid Karami who has withdrawn his week-old resignation said that he hoped the government would restore its authority as soon as the truce is firmly established by a so-called "Lebanese-Syrian-Palestinian supreme committee" now implementing the ceasefire.

The committee last night announced that it has embarked on an immediate three-stage action: the consolidation of the ceasefire, the pullback of rival armed elements with the aim of reopening all roads, and the reopening of market places for the restoration of normalcy.

Christian President Suleiman Frangieh is scheduled to announce soon a new constitution apportioning powers between Christians and Moslems equally. It was not clear whether the PLO-backed leftists would approve the new constitution, which is scheduled to replace an outdated three-decade-old covenant providing Christians with key authority in Lebanese administration.

Frangieh was understood to be coordinating the provisions of the new constitution with Premier Karami as well as with the Syrians.

In Cairo, President Sadat said yesterday he was still convinced that "the Lebanese people themselves are more capable of solving their conflict."

In an interview with Abdel Monem Sawi, editor of the influential "Al-Gomhouria," Sadat said the Lebanese could end the conflict if they rose to the level of overall national thinking away from foreign influences. Foreign parties benefit from the conflict," he said.

PLA seen moving south

By YORAM HAMIZRAHI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Lebanese farmers and drivers yesterday told Israeli security officials that elements of the Palestine Liberation Army and terrorists had been seen some 12 kms. from the border and were moving south.

The PLA units were sighted around the town of Nabatiya, north of the Litani River. Israeli security officials in the North noted that the border strongholds left by the Lebanese army last Wednesday and Thursday are still vacant.

There was almost no army or police traffic on the South Lebanon Highway, which was dotted with cars, trucks and tractors belonging to local residents.

Some Christian residents of southern Lebanon were reportedly trying to join other Christian communities in the north. Members of the main Christian (Maronite) community in the south, in El-Kl, told Israeli security officials that the atmosphere in their village for the last few days has been "on the edge of hysteria."

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By ASHER WALLFISH

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Rabin told the Cabinet yesterday that he hoped to coordinate a common approach with the U.S. to further Middle East peace contacts during his visit to Washington.

Rabin convinced his Ministers that a call for the resumption of the Geneva peace conference was the only realistic move at the present time. This would constitute a positive initiative on Israel's part, he said, enabling emphasis on Israel's peaceful intentions, and desire for a negotiated settlement. It would help place the political ball in the Arabs' court.

The Cabinet took no new decisions yesterday, an indication Israel abided firmly by its stand that no new elements like the PLO could be invited to Geneva. If this condition, apparently supported by the U.S. as adamantly as before, were rejected by the Arab states, the onus for the non-resumption of the Geneva talks would rest with the Arabs and not Israel, the Cabinet agreed.

Yesterday's Cabinet discussion on Premier Rabin's agenda for talks in Washington went off without sharp divisions. The Post was told the consensus was that while President Ford wanted to avoid a Middle East deadlock at all costs, and Israel for its part must do what it could to maintain the appearance if not the reality of momentum, the fact that 1976 was an election year in the U.S. would inevitably limit the possibility of the two leaders — Rabin and Ford — taking immediately operational decisions.

Several Cabinet Ministers — including Foreign Minister Allon and Justice Minister Zadok — suggested that Rabin examine what prospects there were of Jordan entering a negotiating mode in the near future. Rabin and others replied that Jordan was still out of the negotiating game at the present time.

The U.S., it was said, was not placing any special urgency on the need to settle affairs with Jordan anyway.

When one Minister pointed to the mounting international pressure on behalf of Palestinian interests, Rabin commented that the entry of Palestinians in any separate entity into the negotiating process, would inevitably open the door for the PLO.

Ministers agreed that there was no need to discuss specific Israeli

standards before Rabin talked to President Ford. If, however, new proposals emerged during the Washington conversations, and if the prospect of convening the Geneva Conference drew closer, the Cabinet would have to devote considerable time to a discussion — in depth — on Rabin's return.

After the Cabinet session, Welfare Minister Zevulun Hammer (NRP) said a fundamental Cabinet discussion was indicated after the Premier's return, since Israel could not propose a peace initiative if its own ideas were still vague. Asked about contacts with King Hussein of Jordan, Hammer said that while the Coalition platform stipulated that negotiations over Judea and Samaria could be held without elections, as long as no decisions were taken, he believed it would be healthier for the people to have his say, even before negotiations if any — began.

Tourism Minister Moshe Kol (ILP) speaking, like Hammer, to an Israeli

Radio reporter, said that an Israeli call to go back to Geneva committed the Government to start drafting its peace plans soon. To that end, Kol said, it would be advisable to set up a joint Israel-U.S. coordinating group to maintain constant contact before and during Geneva.

Kol told the reporter that just as Israel should not talk to Palestinians without Jordan, it should not talk to Jordan without Palestinians. He warned that if ever Israel worked out a deal solely with Jordan, the Palestinians would always raise their demands later on, and these could only be satisfied at Israel's expense in a second round of concessions.

Premier Rabin also told the Ministers that he intended to discuss bilateral Israel-U.S. issues, including economic and military aid. He commented on the latest press reports from Washington that the proposed aid for Israel in 1977 was considerably less than Israel expected.

But analysts here admit privately, that there is not much hope of Geneva reconvening — because Syria insists that the PLO be invited to which Israel objects, and because Jordan shows no inclination to rethink its post-Rabat decision to bow out of the negotiations.

Mr. Rabin apparently believes that American opinion would blame the Arabs for the conference not being reconvened.

At the same time, Rabin is expected to support Kissinger's idea for a pre-Geneva "informal conference" — though here again there is no certainty that Syria, Jordan or the Soviets would want to attend. The idea is seen as a device for creating the diplomatic momentum which, in the U.S. view, is the recipe to prevent stagnation and war.

The Premier and his aides are understood to be deeply concerned about the mood of Congress on the question of foreign aid in general, and aid to Israel in particular. "The central problem in the future will be Congress, not the Administration," one policymaker said here at the weekend.

The present year's aid bill (2.3 billion) is not yet through, and there is still talk of cuts on Capitol Hill. The Administration's recommendation for next year represents a substantial drop in military aid — but it reflects accurately the growing Congressional parsimony, and the growing feeling, which is backed by Pentagon and CIA assessments, that Israel is stronger than it purports to be.

They've never had it so good," said one analyst, referring to Jordan's economic boom and political rapport with the rest of the Arab world in the wake of its acquiescence in the Rabat summit decisions.

Jordan, it is thought, will not want to jeopardize these gains now in the uncertain hope of obtaining a slice of the West Bank back from Israel.

Mr. Rabin has asked for no mandate from the Cabinet to make specific proposals for either a Syrian or a Jordanian interim settlement. If Ford and Kissinger raise either subject, the most he will be able to do will be to express his general willingness to discuss it with his Cabinet when he returns to Jerusalem.

To accommodate the Americans' overriding desire to avoid a Middle East crisis this year, Mr. Rabin will propose that the Geneva Conference be reconvened. This will be the main message to the American people on public platforms too, coupled with a restatement of

rael that they expect Rabin to arrive in Washington with some new ideas about keeping Middle East negotiations moving. Rabin arrived in Philadelphia today, the first leg of his 11-day cross-country tour before continuing on to Washington tomorrow morning where he will be welcomed on the White House lawn by the President.

But the Americans are sceptical about whether the Israeli leader will actually come forward with some new proposals. In fact, Washington is concerned that Rabin will attempt to stall, a policy that will certainly rub the Ford Administration the wrong way.

Aware of this official Washington scepticism, Rabin is expected to go out of his way to convince the President that Israel is not the obstacle to continued diplomatic momentum.

Therefore, it now seems virtually certain that Rabin will have to come forward with a concrete pro-

posal to Ford, a plan that Rabin hopes will be accepted. For several weeks, this proposal has been reviewed in Jerusalem, and the Israeli press has speculated about it in considerable detail. Israel's best foreign policy thinkers have attempted to come up with a better proposal, but all other avenues seem more risky at this time. What is the plan?

Rabin will suggest that the U.S. and Israel immediately begin detailed consultations regarding the outlines of an overall Middle East peace settlement. Israel's judgment is that such a joint study could take several months, at least until the November presidential elections here are over.

Although both Washington and Jerusalem have a good idea about what the other side thinks a final settlement should include, the two states have never really discussed (Continued on page 3, col. 1)

South Africa quitting Angola fighting, to guard over dam

HANNESBURG. — The South African public yesterday was told for the first time its troops had been involved in the Angola war — but were now pulling out the fighting.

The news was greeted with relief and newspapers splashed reports of the withdrawal across their pages under headlines such as "We're out" and "Pulling out."

Just yesterday, the government admitted only that South African troops had penetrated a few metres into Angola from South Africa and were not involved in the civil war itself, raging several hundred kilometres to the north.

Local newspapers had been allowed to refer only to "white troops," or to South Africans — in relating the war. But people could not about Pretoria's involvement. Foreign newsmen reaching here on radio stations such as Voice of America and BBC.

Pretoria had sent an estimated 60 troops to help UNITA against the South African army in logistical and support. It was the South Africans

who spearheaded UNITA's rapid advance on the capital of Luanda late last year. Military observers have now predicted a swift victory for the communist-backed MPLA movement, as the South Africans withdraw from the conflict.

Defence Minister Piet Botha, in remarks during the weekend said, "I have already stated that South Africa is now not prepared to fight alone on behalf of the free world."

Shrugging off South Africa's withdrawal the United movement said yesterday it had received a "very favourable" response in the U.S. and Europe to its request for sophisticated weapons and mercenaries.

A second movement, the FNLA, however, blasted Washington for failing to establish a diplomatic or military balance in the civil war between the United-FNLA coalition forces and the Soviet-backed MPLA.

Observers here said there was no chance of a complete South African troop withdrawal from Angola until a lasting peace settlement had been achieved there. The troops would merely be withdrawn to the southernmost part of the

former Portuguese territory, which is still in the hands of anti-Communist forces.

South Africa would continue to keep a heavy guard mounted at the Calueque dam in southern Angola — part of a massive hydro-electric and water supply scheme on the Cuanene river. The power scheme is being financed by the South African Government under an agreement with Angola's former Portuguese rulers. (UPI, Reuters)

Moroccan jet fighter downed in Mauritania

RABAT. — Troops armed with Soviet-made Sam-6 surface-to-air missiles shot down a U.S.-made Moroccan Royal Air Force F-5 jet fighter on a mission supporting Mauritania ground troops in Mauritania, the government reported last night.

A communiqué said the plane exploded and the pilot was killed. The incident, described as one of "extreme gravity," was reported to have taken place at Ain Ben Tili on Mauritania's northern border with the Spanish Sahara, where fighting is taking place against the Saharan Polisario Front movement. (AP)

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'We must go to Geneva'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said last night that the best way to achieve peace is for the Arabs and Israel to meet around the negotiating table in Geneva. "If this call is not answered, the fault for not advancing the cause of peace will be with those who refused to heed it," he said.

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to meet the flow of Soviet arms into Arab countries, he added.

Colonel Willem van Lanschot of Holland, president of the World Veterans Federation, and Judge Paul Riehm, national commander of the U.S. Jewish War Veterans, addressed the meeting, which was attended by several hundred Israeli delegates and delegates from nine other countries. Rav-Ahuf (Res.) Haim Laskov presided.

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Israel calls in envoys of Council states

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Israel told five Western members of the Security Council yesterday that it takes a "very grave view" of the draft resolution proposed by several nonaligned states and that it will veto the resolution. The draft resolution, proposed by the Soviet Union, calls for the withdrawal of Israeli troops from the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and for the establishment of a Palestinian state.

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Despite the last-minute diplomatic effort, most observers felt that the resolution would be adopted. The resolution would have required Israel to withdraw its troops from the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and to establish a Palestinian state. Israel's veto was a clear statement of its opposition to the resolution.

Surprise switch of plea in extortion case

TEL AVIV. — In an unexpected change of plea, Meir Ruckenstein, accused of attempting to extort \$100,000 from a hotelier, Ben-Zion Ben-Meir, yesterday admitted to all the charges in his trial before the District Court here.

Arrested in a police trap October 1966, Ruckenstein had pleaded not guilty to the charges and was released into custody. He was caught while Tel Aviv Fair Grounds, where he had arranged by phone to meet Ben-Meir and receive from him \$100,000, was in the process of being built.

Ruckenstein, representing himself as a police officer on the phone, had told Ben-Meir he would help him with a police file on investigation of the contractor's alleged crimes. He also said there was a plot to kidnap Ben-Meir's son and hold him for ransom, but that police would not arrest him.

Two deals were to cost Ben-Meir \$100,000. Sentence will be pronounced at a later date.

Police seeking another man in Yamanik case

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The police have been searching for another man in the Yamanik case, which involves the murder of a man in Tel Aviv. The police are looking for a man who was seen near the scene of the crime.

Faruk was remanded yesterday by the Magistrates Court for three days, on suspicion of involvement in the murder of Yamanik. The police are looking for a man who was seen near the scene of the crime.

The police arrested Faruk on finding a note in Yamanik's pocket, which mentioned another man. The police are looking for a man who was seen near the scene of the crime.

A number of Lilliburn Street dealers told The Jerusalem Post they were still convinced the man was killed in connection with a loan made to an underworld figure, who wanted to "cancel" the debt.

Gaza terror ring jailed

GAZA. — A local resident sentenced to 16 years in prison for organizing a terror ring in Gaza. The ring was involved in the kidnapping of a man from the Gaza Strip.

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'Private bus firm cowed by Egged'

Jerusalem Post Staff
TIBERIAS. — Fifteen Egged drivers yesterday allegedly threatened the wife of the owner of the Galilee Tours company that they would burn the company's buses if it did not stop busing school children.

Yael Ben-Dor said yesterday that she had agreed to suspend the service from this morning. She explained the firm had agreed to bus the children to school for the duration of the Egged strike at the request of the Municipality. Later yesterday, Mayor Moshe Trahar tried to persuade the firm to continue the school busing service, and the police offered its protection, but Ben-Dor declined.

Shortly after the deputation of Egged drivers left the firm's office, two fire engines drove up, sirens blaring, to put out a fire. They had been sent there by an anonymous caller. The firemen demanded that Ben-Dor pay their expenses, which she also declined.

Galilee Tours also backed out of an agreement with the Herta and Paul Amiria Foundation to transport passengers, the mayor, Yosef Nevo, said yesterday. He added that other trucking companies had backed out too, under threats from Egged.

"They backed out one after another," the mayor told The Jerusalem Post.

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IDF electronic war capability improved

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent
The IDF has considerably increased its electronic warfare capability in the light of the experience of the Yom Kippur War, Tat-Aluf Zim, Chief Communications and Electronics Officer, told military correspondents yesterday.



Tat-Aluf Zim

The war had proved the effectiveness of electronic warfare (EW) and more manpower and equipment were being allocated to it, he said.

(Electronic warfare — or the "battle" for the electromagnetic spectrum — as it has been called —

consists largely of jamming and disrupting the enemy's targeting, radar and communications systems and preventing him from doing the same to you.)

During the war, the Arab armies were equipped with Soviet-made EW equipment, Zim said.

Zim also said his Corps had done much to increase communications discipline and tighten field security to prevent secrets being picked up by enemy monitors. During the war, much damage had been caused by failings in these fields, he said, but now officers were fully aware of their importance and were strictly enforcing the relevant orders.

Other points made by T/A Zim: ● More women should be trained as electronics technicians and operators in the rear, in order to free men for front line duties. The civilian economy should also be interested in this, as should the women themselves because of the career possibilities.

● The Corps, in cooperation with the Communications Ministry, was working according to timetable on setting up the communications network for the new deployment in Sinai.

● Strict measures were being implemented to reduce the number of unnecessary, personal calls made on army telephones, leading to considerable financial savings as well as vacating lines for essential calls.

Egyptians to North Sinai today

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent
Egyptian forces will today take over a strip of the UN buffer zone in northern Sinai. This is the first step toward the implementation of the interim Sinai agreement in the north, all changes until now having been effected in the southern sector.

The Egyptians will today move into an area roughly half the width of the buffer zone, extending from the Mediterranean in the north to a point opposite Firdan bridge over the Suez Canal, in the south. Under the terms of the agreement, the entire existing buffer zone will have been taken over by Egypt by February 22, by which Israel will have withdrawn from the

area which will become the new buffer zone.

Meanwhile, the IDF has completed the dismantling of most of the installations, camps, minefields and fences in the area to be vacated. Three of the camps — Baluzza, Tassa and Mita — are being transferred to the UN, which is paying several million pounds for the installations and structures which the IDF decided not to dismantle.

Work is also continuing according to plan on the construction of the IDF's new installations in the area it will occupy after the implementation of the agreement. This includes roads, water supply pipelines, and communications networks.



Yehoram Meshel comforts Mrs. Lavon at her husband's funeral yesterday. (Lester Milman)

Lavon buried at Hulda

TEL AVIV. — Pinhas Lavon, Mapai leader, Member of Knesset, Cabinet Minister and Histadrut secretary — who died on Friday night, was buried yesterday at Kibbutz Hulda, which he helped establish.

At noon yesterday his coffin was placed in the entrance hall to the Histadrut Executive Building in Tel Aviv, where thousands of people came to pay their respects.

Among the mourners were Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu; former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan; Jewish Agency Executive chairman Yosef Almog; Members of Knesset, including Elimelech Rimal, Yohanan Bader, Arye Eliav, and David Levi; long-time members of the Labour Movement, including Mapai's Meir Ya'ari, Ya'acov Hazan and Meir Talmi; Shraga Nezer; Mordechai Surkis; Labour Party secretary Meir Zarmi; heads of workers' groups, agriculture groups and Kupat Holim; and past and present Defence Ministry officials.

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A Knesset guard carried the coffin to the building's plaza at 1 p.m., where Histadrut Secretary Yehoram Meshel delivered the eulogy.

The funeral then left the Histadrut building for Kibbutz Hulda, where the mourners were joined by participants in the morning's Cabinet meeting in Jerusalem — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Yigal Alon, Defence Minister Shimon Peres, Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, Justice Minister Haim Zedek, Interior Minister Yosef Burg, Labour Minister Moshe Baran, Health Minister Victor Shemtov, Education Minister Aharon Yadin, Minister without Portfolio Yisrael Galili and Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur.

Zvi Lavon, brother of the deceased, recited the "Kaddish" prayer, and Prof. Natan Rotenshtein delivered a eulogy. (Itim)

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Egged men scuffle with guards at noisy Knesset demonstration

By ERNIE MEYER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

About 2,500 angry Egged men

here demonstrated in front of the

Knesset yesterday morning, shouting

slogans against the Government,

the Knesset and the news media

and scuffling with Knesset guards.

Some windows were broken

at a guard house, but the demonstrators

dispersed peacefully after about three hours.

Buses with demonstrators started

converging on the Capital in the

morning hours, and police directed

them to the Egged parking area

near Binyamin Ha'oma. From there

the out-of-towners, joined by Jeru-

salem Egged men, streamed toward

the Knesset.

At the Knesset square they

waved posters denouncing their

strike and listened to their leaders

addressing them through bullhorns.

About 10.30 a.m. the atmosphere

became more heated and several

hundred of the men broke through

the barriers set up by the Knesset

guards and advanced toward the

Palumbo Gate amidst wild shout-

ing. At this point the Knesset

guards used the water hoses (with

non-coloured water) they held

ready, and the windows at the

guard house at the entrance to

the Knesset parking lot were broken.

Some fistfights developed between

Egged men and the Knesset

guards, who wore steel helmets

and were equipped with trans-

parent plastic shields at nightstick.

Egged men tried to scale the

metal sculptures of the Palumbo

Gate but were repulsed by the

guards.

Police and Border policemen

were in readiness behind the gate,

but they were not involved in the

fray.

While the action was in progress,

the majority of the demonstrators

left before their cars had been

filled with passengers.

Private car owners were encour-

aged to pick up hitch-hikers yester-

day morning. The local road con-

troller appealed to them to carry

on their good work for the duration

of the strike and to pick up hitch-

bikers either for a fee or for free.

The secretary of the Retailers

Association said shops had been

hard hit by the strike, as everybody

was postponing all but the most

essential purchases. He hoped that

the end of season sales, which are

starting next Sunday, will be an

especially success.

The police arrested three members

of the local Egged management on

Saturday, and, after charging them

with conspiring to create traffic

disturbances, released them on bail.

The two residents who had been

held over the weekend for offences

allegedly committed during Friday's

traffic disturbances by Egged driv-

ers were also released on bail

yesterday.

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Customs chief 'may resign,' police probe Swiss account

MORDECHAI ERANN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Top officials in the Finance Ministry and the Attorney-General's office were yesterday discussing the possibility of resigning the director of customs, David Peled, to resign tomorrow from the post, while the police investigate allegations that he has a Swiss bank account — a violation of currency laws. Indications were that Peled would be suspended, according to some sources, who stressed they did not want to be quoted.

Although officials at first denied such investigation was under way, the Finance Ministry spokesman yesterday referred all questions on the subject to the Attorney-General's office, to whom he

said the matter had been turned over. Various sources unofficially confirmed the police have been investigating the possibility of foreign currency violations, as well as a suspicion that the money was obtained as bribes.

They stressed that officials were reluctant to talk — both because they did not wish to hurt Peled, who has held a strong and respected position in the Treasury for a long time, and because such an investigation was a complicated matter and would take a long time.

On Treasury official told *The Jerusalem Post*, he thought Peled would offer his resignation of his own accord, "now that the cat's out of the bag."

Mayor answers comptroller's charges

Illegal building in Bat Yam 'halted'

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BAT YAM. — Mayor Yitzhak Alkaler told the press here yesterday that, since his Likud administration took office in March 1974, he had taken measures to correct some of the more blatant violations of the State Comptroller in his seathing report on the city published yesterday.

The report covers the period between August 1969 to the end of 1974, with only a number of up-tings to October 1975. Thus, most of the report and most of the criticism made by the comptroller refers to the former Alignment administration of ex-Mayor Menachem

inherited a situation in which buildings were too large and too close together, making Bat Yam the most crowded city in the country. "In this respect, however, we could not tear down whole apartment blocks. But since we took office, any unauthorized construction — such as roof-top construction — has been punished by fines amounting to the contractor's whole profits from the violation. This has brought such violations to a total halt now," the mayor said.

Mayor Walker said that the police were investigating about 18 files from the building permits department, dating back to the days before he took office. These cases involved both private and public contractors.

The mayor went on to say that his administration is intensifying tax collection. Where only some 70 per cent of the city rates were collected annually by the former administration, he said, the collection of debts going back a number of years is now up by 100 per cent.

World Wizo budget slated to rise by 36 per cent

proposed total budget of \$8m. for 1976/77 has been presented to the World Wizo Executive Council by the organization's treasurer, Miriam Ben-Zorah. The figure is composed of a re-maintenance budget of \$5m. (as compared with \$1.10m. last year), and a development budget of \$3m. (as compared with \$1.9m. last year). It represents an increase in the budget of approximately 36 per cent.

The largest single budget item (\$1.2m.) is allocated for the maintenance of 10,600 children in day institutions, 19 new creches and four new toddlers' centres to be opened in the coming year, serving an additional 600 children.

A second place is the allocation of \$1.37m. for the upkeep of 13

high schools, agricultural schools and vocational schools and one community college, serving 4,500 pupils.

Addressing the plenum, Ilana Ben-Ami, chairman of the fund-raising department, said that if the organization is to achieve its goals in the coming year, the local federations will have to increase their contributions to Wizo by at least 20 per cent.

A reception was held last night by World Wizo president Raya Jaglom at her home in Tel Aviv to mark the close of the solidarity plenary session of the World Wizo Executive. Among the guests were Leah Rabin, the Foreign Minister and Mrs. Yigal Alon, Jewish Agency chairman; Yosef Almog, Rahel Dayan and Mayor and Mrs. Shlomo Lehat.

Not enough raindrops falling on the South

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVIV. — Raindrops in large quantities are what farmers in the South are dreaming about. But other parts of the country, it is a nearly perfect winter, with rain at regular intervals and good quantities.

Be'er Tuvia area appears to have hit it. It had only 65 mm. of rain by the end of December, compared to seasonal average (up to 200 mm.)

avid Ariel, head of the cereal division at the Ministry of Agriculture, told *The Jerusalem Post* last week that most of the crop in the South, which is irrigated, has been affected. He

said, "We have a freak situation where the wheat looks nice and green, as it rains a little every few days; but because it is not enough, the yield will be low." He said it was difficult to estimate the yield because several good rains could improve the situation.

Ariel also said that some of the hay is wilting. He warned that if the present situation continues in the South, the deficiency of water in the soil will affect summer crops too.

The head of the forecasting centre of the Meteorological Institute, Michael Levy, said there are still chances of several heavy rains which could make up the present moisture deficiency.

Tough talks in Washington

(Continued from page 1)

Many critical and tough issues are being discussed in Washington, Jerusalem, the Golan Heights, and the West Bank. Both sides have examined the issues, but not together.

Israel will attempt to sell this to the president arguing that it could certainly be easier for Israel to reach an overall settlement with the Arab neighbours if it first takes out a common stance with the U.S. Together Washington and Jerusalem could make proposals to the Arab states that would have to be considered seriously.

the Israeli Prime Minister does not want actual proposals to be put forward to the Arabs this time before the elections.

Israel faces two alternatives after the elections: either Ford will elect someone else who will take over the term, or he will begin a full year term from a position of strength.

the American people have officially endorsed his Administration. Traditionally, the first year of a new presidential term has often been a "bad" year.

Washington and Jerusalem pressures of Israel's domestic supporters are not as applicable during that first year as later.

As Rabin believes that Israel's Ford Administration. They will at least go into the new term with many months coordinating with the Arab states.

the other hand, if Ford is elected, Israel will not yet have any actual concessions to the Arab states, concessions that may be necessary. That is the danger behind Israel's proposal regarding the next year of consultations.

But this scenario is not all that certain. Even a Democratic President with a strong record of support for Israel would shortly discover after taking office that sitting in the White House forces him to view the Arab-Israeli situation somewhat differently.

The new President, for example, will be told by the established foreign policy bureaucracy — the State Department, the Pentagon, the intelligence community — that Israel must do everything to avoid another outbreak of fighting in the Middle East. Such a disaster, the new President will be told, will lead to another dreaded Arab oil embargo.

The only way that this situation can be prevented will be for the U.S. to continue its efforts toward solving the Arab-Israeli conflict and that will be translated into renewed pressure on Israel to make territorial concessions.

It has been regularly pointed out during recent months that Ford also had a pro-Israel record during his 25 years in the Congress. He voted for every foreign aid bill for Israel. He even proposed that the State Department move the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Presumably, any new President will also have a strong record of support for Israel, but this record will be misleading. Somewhat all of the pressures that have led Ford to take a more critical attitude toward Israel's policies will soon begin to take effect upon a new President.

The real crunch for Israel will probably come during 1977 if Ford is elected — it will be delayed by only a few months if a Democratic candidate wins. And Rabin and his advisers are aware of this political fact.



An American jumbo jet landed at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday, carrying cargo for the U.S. early-warning stations in the Sinai. In the photo, an oil tanker (foreground) has just been unloaded. (Israel Sun)

El Al mechanics: Censure boss for 'sanctions' charge

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — The censure of El Al vice-president Haim David is being demanded by the maintenance workers' committee, after he stated last week that the workers were carrying out a slow-down "so sophisticated" that it was impossible to define.

Chairman Ya'acov Rosenblum of the committee has forwarded the demand to Mordechai Ben-Ari, El Al president, and to Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi.

"If the planes are not leaving on time, it is because the management doesn't know how to run the company," Rosenblum said. He added that talk of a "sophisticated slow-down" was "pure nonsense." (Last week, David had said that one plane was singled out each day, or every other day, and its departure was purposely delayed on all sorts of excuses, such as a demand to re-examine the functioning of certain parts.)

Planes yesterday left more or less on schedule, and even management admitted that the "sanctions" were not felt.

Rosenblum said David's remarks

Gabbai appointed director-general of Justice Min.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Meir Gabbai's appointment as director-general of the Ministry of Justice was approved by the Cabinet at its weekly session yesterday. It takes effect February 1.

Dr. Gabbai, 42, was born in Jerusalem of a Sephardi family and got his law education at the Hebrew University and at Columbia.

After graduating, he was in private practice for two years, while also teaching in Tel Aviv. Between 1963 and 1969, he served at the UN in New York in a wide range of legal, commercial and economic advisory functions. On his return in 1969, he was appointed commissioner of patents at the Justice Ministry and resumed his law teaching in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. In July 1973 he was appointed deputy attorney-general, handling mainly economic matters.

Dr. Gabbai is married and has three children.

His predecessor as director-general of the ministry, Zvi Perlo, has already been appointed deputy president of the National Labour Court, to take effect February 1, when he is sworn in by President Katzir.

No fall in flat prices for '76, Shikun Ovdim warns

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Reports that apartment prices fell in 1975 — and will continue to fall in 1976 — were contradicted yesterday by Shikun Ovdim chiefs Menachem Heller and Yoram Ravin at a press conference here.

Ravin, board chairman of the Histadrut housing firm, said there had been some price decreases in development areas; but, in more sought-after locations, prices on the free market had risen by about 12 per cent in the first half of 1975. Precise figures for the second half were not available, but he said prices had increased, at a smaller rate. Nevertheless, the Cost-of-Building Index increased only 18.6 per cent in 1975, as opposed to a 52.8 per cent increase in 1974.

This year, a rise in the Cost-of-Building Index and the imposition of the Value Added Tax will result in substantial price increases, Ravin said. While the individual contractor might be willing to absorb some price increase, a \$10,000-\$12,000 increase — which must be paid to VAT — could not be absorbed.

Heller, Shikun Ovdim's general

manager, said the number of building starts by private and public companies in 1975 stood at 43,000 units, in contrast to 1974's 51,000 units — or 4.9 million square metres, in contrast to 6.8 million square metres in 1974. At present, Shikun Ovdim is building about 12,000 units.

Discussing the country's housing needs, Heller noted that there were two segments of the population faced with especially difficult housing problems: young couples and singles. There will be 40,000 young couples by the end of 1976 who are entitled to Government-subsidized housing, but the prices of the apartments available to them are too high, Heller said. There would have to be an increase in the size of the mortgages offered to them, and he expected that in April the Government would probably grant this increase.

There are some 300,000 singles between the ages of 20 and 35 in Israel. These singles are not included in any housing plan which would entitle them to public housing. Introducing these singles into a point system similar to that applied to young couples would go a long way to solving their housing problems, Heller said.

Easy rugby wins for Holon and Hebrew Univ.

RAMAT GAN. — Holon and the Hebrew University are now out of their own in the National Rugby League championship race, after easy wins here on Saturday. Holon maintained their unbeaten record this season with a 46-10 victory over the Technion, while the Jerusalemites came through 26-0 against Tel Aviv University.

Holon's mercurial skipper Glenn Wilson finished with a personal tally of 30 points — five tries and five conversions — and has now scored better than half of his team's 204 points in their five outings to date. The Hebrew University has shown sparkling form under the skilful captaincy of Barry Judelman ever since their 53-0 drubbing by Holon in November.

In wintry weather at the Hachikma Maccabi soccer ground, centre Wilson constantly sold the dummy to his opponents, as he broke through the shaky Haifa defence with tremendous bursts of speed. Holon's scrum-half Shuman got two tries, with the others coming from backs Engelman and Melamed, all of whom had good games,

along with forwards Goldin, Johnson and Lief. Haifa, well captained by Dave Lewis, played their hearts out in a vain attempt to stave off their sixth straight defeat of the season. Their tries were scored by full-back Abramson, Nakasche, in great form these days, added a conversion.

The Jerusalem team always had the edge over TAU, who have now lost four of their six games. The Jerusalem try-scorers were backs McNamara (2), Dworkin, Meenan and Haendler, with Feldman putting over two conversions and Haendler one. Outstanding among the winners' hard-working forwards were Salama and Seaberg. TAU was led with panache by Dave Kaplan at fly-half.

SECOND-HAND clothing in good condition, collected by Haifa schoolchildren, will go on sale at nominal prices to needy pupils on Tuesday. The project was organized by the "Youth for Youth" section of the municipal education department. The sale will take place at the Youth Movement Centre, 43 Rehov Ibn Gabirol, in the Lower Hadar quarter, from 3 to 7 p.m.

Ministry debates school's role in stemming exodus

The directorate of the Ministry of Education and Culture conferred at length yesterday about the problem of emigration and the role of the education system in discouraging it, a spokesman announced.

Opening the discussion was Aluf (Res.) Assaf Yaguri, who recently completed a study of emigration among more than 1,200 Israelis in Canada. The reasons they gave for leaving Israel were, generally, finances, security, the quality of life in Israel, desire for adventure, or personal and family needs.

The values of the society and Zionism are the concern of every sector of life in Israel, but particularly of the education system, Yaguri said.

Director-General Elad Peled said school planners had learned from the period of the Yom Kippur War that the ways of dealing with such topics had to be treated in greater depth. But the recent increase in the number of emigrants was evidence that the subject needed more consideration.

Peled noted that surveys among Israelis who had left the country indicate they had been satisfied with the education in this country.

Five held in 'protection' bid

TEL AVIV. — The Magistrate's Court on Friday remanded five men for five days each on suspicion of extorting "protection" money from a Herzliya contractor.

One of the suspects, Mordechai Peretz, has been "sticking close" to contractor Yosef Ovadia, the police said, for several weeks. Peretz has asked him for money to protect him from his competition, and to collect bad cheques, they said.

The other four — Yosef Farhi, Hassan Nissim, Yitzhak Peretz and Rafael Ohayon — visited Ovadia late at night after he had lodged his complaint, and allegedly threatened him and his family to get him to withdraw the complaint.

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New reading of 242 Bonn: Israel should withdraw from 'all' territories

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — The West German government has called on Israel publicly to clear all lands occupied since 1967, including the Old City of Jerusalem and the Golan Heights, and reasserted the right of the Palestinians to their own "state authority."

Spokesman Klaus Tertloth of the Foreign Ministry "clarified" Bonn's position on Friday, one day after Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher used similar words in a joint press conference with visiting Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud bin Faisal.

Tertloth denied there had been a change in Bonn's policy. He cited previous government statements, in line with the Common Market position after the 1973 Yom Kippur War, which stressed that Israel must end its "territorial occupation" of Arab lands.

However, it was the first time Bonn has specifically appealed to Israel to give up "all" occupied lands, and in so doing the West Germans have adopted the Arab interpretation of UN resolution 242 of 1967, which left this point unclear.

Tertloth also made clear that

Bonn views it as a matter for the Palestinians to decide the framework of the state in which they want to live. Informed Foreign Ministry sources said that Bonn would also accept a separate Palestinian state if it emerged within an agreed settlement.

In this connection officials here continue to aver that Bonn is not prepared to recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization. Such a move could come only when the PLO recognizes Israel's existence in secure and recognized borders and renounces terror, Tertloth said.

In supporting the Arab demand that Israel leave the entire West Bank, the Old City of Jerusalem and the Golan Heights, German officials stressed that they did not rule out compromise solutions, especially with regard to Jerusalem.

It is not fully clear why Genscher has chosen this time to commit West Germany more closely to the Arab position in the Middle East conflict. According to some German diplomats it reflects his belief that the Palestinian question, along with Israel's existence and security, is the "substantial" issue in the conflict, and that it is time for Bonn to press more strongly for a solution.

'Moynihan for Senate'

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — "New York" magazine has reported that U.S. Ambassador Daniel Moynihan's decision whether to run against Republican Senator James Buckley in the New York State senatorial race this year will probably be made during the next three weeks.

The magazine said last week that a prominent New York Jew has already organized a committee to organize a "Moynihan for Senate" campaign, although the outspoken envoy is not said to have been involved in this decision.

Moynihan, who would probably defeat the conservative Buckley if he decided to put his hat in the ring, is said to be reluctant to run out of personal reasons. But if the effort to draft him is strong enough he could reconsider.

The ambassador, an Irish-Catholic and long-time Democrat, said last year during the anti-Zionist debate at the UN that he had absolutely no intention of running for the Senate.

Other possible candidates for the Democratic nomination include Rep. Bella Abzug and Rep. Otis Pike. Beth Myerson, former "Miss America," and now a consumer advocate, has said that she will not run.

European socialists split over alliance with Reds

PARIS. — Socialist parties from five European countries yesterday concluded a two-day conference to decide how far Socialists and Communists should cooperate in the leftist search for power in the southern tier of the continent.

The conference, most of its sessions held in camera, grouped representatives from the socialist parties of Belgium, France, Italy, Spain and Portugal. It was chaired by French Socialist Party leader Francois Mitterrand.

Notably missing from the conference were Portuguese Socialist Party leader Mario Soares and his Italian counterpart, Francesco de Martino.

Both men are sharply at odds with Mitterrand, who opposes leftist cooperation with parties of the right. Their differences with the French former presidential candidate came out at the meeting of the Socialist International held in Elsinore, Denmark, on January 18-20.

Underlining the ideological gap between the French and Portuguese socialist leaders, Soares sat out the conference to visit the U.S., where he will seek financial aid for his country in a meeting with Secretary

of State Henry Kissinger today. Soares was said by conference sources to be anxious to upset neither the U.S. nor West Germany, from which aid for Portugal is also being sought.

West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, who has assured financial aid for Portugal at the Socialist International meeting, also denounced the idea of cooperating with Communist parties.

Soares, whose party counts heavily on Communist support in politically fragmented Portugal, sent to the Paris conference Agricultural Minister Lopes Cardozo, who enjoys cordial relations with the pro-Moscow Party of Portugal. (UPI)

L.A. convict held for Skid Row ritual murders

LOS ANGELES. — A convict serving time for a savage hatchet attack is expected to be taken from prison next week to face charges here in the "skid row slasher" murders.

Vaughn Greenwood, 32, was indicted on Friday by the Los Angeles County Grand Jury for 11 murders, including nine ritualistic-like killings credited to the slasher, and two that date back to 1964.

Police say the slasher killed nine men — cutting their throats from ear to ear — between December 1, 1974, and January 31, 1975. Most were transients in skid row, but the last two murders were in Hollywood.

Greenwood, an ex-convict, is serving a 32-years-to-life sentence for a knife and hatchet attack on two men in 1974 and the burglary of actor Burt Reynolds' home in the Hollywood Hills. (AP)

Lancias sweep Monaco rally

MONTE CARLO. — Italy's Sandro Munari and Silvio Maiga headed a Lancia Stratos sweep of the top three places in the 44th Monte Carlo rally this weekend, making Munari the first driver since World War II to win the event three times.

Munari, who dominated the week-long event throughout, added the laurels to victories here in a Stratos last year and in a Lancia Fulvia in 1972.

In Sao Paulo, Brazil, world champion Niki Lauda of Austria took the lead from the opening lap of the first formula one race of the 1976 season and stayed in front to win the Brazilian Grand Prix yesterday.

Lauda had no trouble with his Ferrari 312-T and was threatened only once by Jean-Pierre Jarier of France. However, the French pilot pushed too hard and hit the car which left the track and crashed into a wall.

Patrick Depailler placed second in the race held at Interlagos race track before an estimated 150,000 persons. (AP)

MISS. — The 56-year-old Miss America Pageant has put would-be contestants on notice: If they were ever pregnant, they need not apply. The rules previously stated that Miss America contestants must be a "miss." The amended regulations say the contestants "must not be and never have been pregnant."

THE WORLD IN BRIEF

2 Nato states at Soviet war games

MOSCOW. — The Soviet Union began two weeks of troop manoeuvres near the Turkish border on Sunday with Western military observers in attendance for the first time.

Soviet newspapers carried a brief announcement saying the exercises — involving about 25,000 men — would last until February 6 in the region of the Southern Caucasus, near Turkey. (UPI)

Brazilian editor reports torture

RIO DE JANEIRO. — A Brazilian magazine editor said on Saturday he was tortured with electric shocks by the army's secret police and overheard screams from a television producer the army later claimed committed suicide.

The report by Rodolfo Konder, gave new impetus to a controversy over reports of torture and killings in the Brazilian army's secret police cells.

Konder, editor of the magazine "Visao," said he was tortured in the second army's political police section in Sao Paulo with an electric shock machine the soldiers called "Little Pepper."

He said he and another prisoner heard an interrogator in the cell of television producer Vladimir Herzog ask for the machine and for help from a team of torturers. Then they heard Herzog's screams mingled with the sound of a radio.

The army announced last November that Herzog had committed suicide in his cell after admitting he was a member of the outlawed Communist Party. Religious and political leaders disputed the suicide claim. (UPI)

Beirut university in trouble

BEIRUT. — The 110-year-old American University of Beirut (AUB), the largest American educational institution overseas, is struggling for survival against bankruptcy and the bloody Lebanese civil war.

Temporarily bailed out of financial crisis by a Lebanese government loan, the controversial school is still saddled with a \$6m. budget shortfall. Its existence is also threatened by nine months of vicious fighting between Christians and Moslems.

AUB reopened its gates to students on January 5, three months behind schedule, with armoured cars and rifle-wielding security men guarding the campus. If the school is not caught up in the disorder, the hope is to make up for lost time and complete the academic year by eliminating holidays and the 1976 summer vacation.

Instead of the regular 5,000 student body, only 2,073 registered for the first semester. (AP)

Foreman stops Lyle in 5th

LAS VEGAS. — Former world heavyweight champion George Foreman knocked out Ron Lyle in the fifth round of a scheduled 12-round bout here on Saturday night.

The former champion, who turned 28 on Thursday, was declared the winner after two minutes and 28 seconds of round five. Lyle, 34, could not get up after receiving a barrage of unanswered lefts and rights.

Lyle, a 5-2 underdog, surprised many spectators by knocking the former champion down twice in the fourth round. In the same round, Foreman knocked Lyle down once. (Reuters)

Bomb caused crash of Boeing

BEIRUT. — Investigators have concluded that a sudden explosion caused the crash of a Middle East Airlines Boeing 720 jetliner over Saudi Arabia on New Year's Day, an airline spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman said investigators were still trying to determine the cause of the explosion but airline sources said it "almost certainly" was a bomb that sent the MEA jet on a flight to Dubai tumbling down into the Saudi Arabian desert, killing all 82 persons aboard.

MEA sources said the aircraft's black box flight recorder indicated that all systems were working perfectly up until the time of the explosion. The cockpit voice recorder also indicated that the crew suspected nothing was amiss until the crash. "Almost certainly it was a bomb. Nothing else could have caused it," the sources said. (UPI)



Giscard and Boumedienne in Algiers last year: The honeymoon is over.

'To the brink of a new crisis' Algerians are angry at Giscard

By JACK MAURICE

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — The erratic seasaw style of relations between France and Algeria has brought the former colonial power and the North African territory which it ruled for 130 years to the brink of a new crisis.

With independence 14 years behind them, the Algerians are accusing France of new imperialist ambitions, masterminding acts of sabotage, arming their hostile neighbour Morocco and breaking promises to help revive Algeria's ailing economy.

The state of latent war between Algeria and Morocco over the phosphate-rich Western Sahara, which Moroccan King Hassan II annexed with Spain's reluctant blessing in December, has triggered the latest outburst of indignation against Paris.

Algeria is furious over the sale of 25 Mirage warplanes to King Hassan. According to the French news-magazine "Le Point," Libyan President Muammar Gaddafi has sent Mirages from his own air force on a "training mission" to Algeria. But the Mirage sale to Morocco has provoked Algerian President Boumedienne to declare: "The French Government has overstepped the limits. It has wiped out what remained of its policy of national independence and finally brought France into the lap of imperialism."

This is Algerian revolutionary jargon for President Giscard d'Estaing's undisguised support of King Juan Carlos of Spain as well as Hassan, two monarchs who sit uneasily on thrones which Algeria hopes to see overthrown before long.

Relations between France and Algeria have been progressively exacerbated by French reluctance to integrate the 900,000 Algerian workers and their families who have crossed the Mediterranean in order to take low-paid menial jobs. Many have died in race riots and vendettas. Frenchmen who have volunteered to work in Algeria as teachers and technicians can tell similar

stories. They have been arbitrarily arrested, tortured, deported and despoiled.

Seizure of the former French colonists' property has not made life more comfortable for the Algerian masses. Rising oil revenue has made no impact on Algeria's precarious economic situation. Over 40 per cent of oil receipts are spent on feeding a rapidly rising population which has grown from 9 million to 15 million over the past decade. It will reach 25 million within 20 years when, according to many geologists, Algeria's oil deposits will be exhausted. This explains Algeria's eagerness to share the Sahara's phosphates with Morocco and Mauritania.

When President Valery Giscard d'Estaing went to Algeria last April on the first visit by a French head of state since independence, it seemed for a brief moment that a page had been turned. The French leader was greeted in the streets of Algiers by cries of "Long Live Giscard!" Giscard promised President Boumedienne that Algeria would play an active role in the dialogue between Europe and the Arab states, through which France is trying to establish a dominant position in North Africa and the Middle East.

But Giscard was hardly back in Paris when Algerian recriminations burst out again. France was accused of setting a ceiling for financial guarantees offered to businessmen who were keen to invest in Algeria and of discouraging "cooperation" — the volunteer teachers and technicians sent by the French Government to developing countries — from going to Algeria.

When six Frenchmen were arrested early in January after placing a bomb outside the offices of the "El Moudjahid" newspaper in Algiers, the Algerian authorities publicly announced they were secret agents of the French government. The French Foreign Ministry promptly denied these allegations.

But the Algerians make no secret of their nostalgia for the ex-General De Gaulle, who helped them towards independence; and President Georges Pompidou, who France's ties with the Third World in high regard. President Giscard, a big disappointment for them, it is no coincidence that for the end of February President Boumedienne has invited Socialist Party leader Francois Mitterrand to Algeria.

Mitterrand was France's premier Minister during the most turbulent period of the Algerian war, and consequently responsible for many of the most severe police measures enforced in the late 1950s. If Mitterrand is going to Algeria, Boumedienne's disenchantment with Giscard has indeed reached a climax.

Polish prelate speaks out

WARSAW. — Polish primate Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński yesterday attacked a draft amendment to the constitution which linked citizens' rights to the fulfilment of their duties toward the state.

"A citizen never loses his rights even if he does not fulfill his duties toward the state," the Cardinal told the congregation of 2,800 in St. Cross Church in the centre of Warsaw.

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The Cardinal said there was danger in the wording of the amendment on citizen's duties, which he interpreted differently, depending on the situation. The first proposed is dangerous, but perhaps it will be dropped from the accepted text of the amendment, he said.

According to the draft amendment to the 1952 constitution, rights of citizens are inseparably linked with honest and conscientious fulfilment of duties toward the motherland.

"The state must not force a man must not be ideological pressured," the Cardinal said, bringing the constitution up-to-date after 31 years of Communist rule in Poland.

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Mice play as poison snocks out the predators

By SARAH HONIG
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EL AVIV. — In the first effort of its kind to cure rare predatory birds from the after-effects of eating poisoned field rodents, Tel Aviv University last month alone saved 10 lives of 33 eagles, buzzards, owls, kestrels and harriers (types of falcons) various kinds. Many have already been released after their medical treatment and are now feeding for themselves in the wild again.

The birds were brought to the university's Zoology Department by a Nature Reserves Society from the Hula Valley, where they had been poisoned with a high concentration of a pesticide called dieldrin. This had been sprayed on the air over clover fields, where mice had been reproducing at an amazing speed. The birds of prey fed on these mice and suffered secondary poisoning.

Prof. Heinrich Mendelsohn, of the Zoology Department at Abu-Kabir, explained that the birds can develop immunity to the poisons and in fact constitute an extreme example of the fate that could befall man should he too consume great doses of pesticides of his own manufacture.

The birds, which include the rare peregrine eagle, spotted eagle, long-eared buzzard, common buzzard, kestrel, hawk, barn owl, long-eared owl and short-eared owl, are all considered useful to man as they feed on crop-destroying rodents. Traditionally, however, they and the mice became victims of erroneous attempts to rid the Hula field of the pests.

The mice in the clover fields, it appears, have never had it so good — on or no poison. These fields are tilled every three years and their nests are undamaged. They become wise enough to avoid poisoned seeds and are now in an as yet inexplicable phase of a 10-year cycle in which they reproduce at especially fast rates. The mother mouse gives birth to a litter of eight every three weeks. To make matters worse, the mice, unlike the birds, develop an immunity to various pesticides.



An Egyptian vulture saved from poisoning by the Tel Aviv University Zoology Department. (Uzi Keren)

Last month alone, 132 individual birds of prey were found dead of poison in the Hula region. The actual number of fatal poisonings may be far higher, since not all carcasses were discovered. They included members of ten species.

Those still alive were rushed to Abu-Kabir. Prof. Mendelsohn reports that when they arrived they were either completely or nearly paralysed, contracted because, as they lay helpless in the fields, rain soaked their wings instead of drying off as it does when they are upright.

It is not always possible to know precisely what kind of poison affected them. While still in a state of shock, the birds are kept in a dark windowless room and food is placed directly into their beaks. They also receive vitamins, antibiotics and antitoxins — if these exist for the particular type of poison involved.

After the intensive care phase is over they are placed in cages on the roof of the building and fed live mice to awaken their hunting instincts. The period of recovery may last months depending on the type of poison eaten. There are 25 birds in the University infirmary at present and eight have recently been released.

Light satire grabs the audiences

By CATHERINE ROSENHEIMER
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Jonathan Gefen



Danny Litani

THE AUDIENCE was revealing: average age, twenty-ish; average dress, check shirts — T-shirts — jeans — army windbreakers; average behaviour, good. About three hundred of them, despite the kind of windy, rainy, ordinary Sunday night which usually keeps audiences away.

The explanation obviously lies in the show itself. Jonathan Gefen and Danny Litani have stumbled into, rather than consciously planned, a smash hit — their second — in "Letters to the Editor."

It all started about two and a half years ago with an evening of songs, music and satire entitled "That's all for Now." After a long run, it seemed that the audience wanted more. "We planned it as a cultural evening mainly for kibbutz audiences, to put on Friday nights. It was a big surprise when we found we had a 'hit' on our hands. Not that we were sorry, of course," explains Danny Litani.

Gefen's background is Nahal children's books (charming verses and stories he made up for his little sister Anat), poetry and journalism. Litani is an actor, singer and songwriter who has appeared with the Haifa Theatre and Eimot, notably in "Ish Hassid Haya."

Explains Gefen: "A couple of years ago I was looking for a medium other than writing. I can't sing or write music. Danny can — and for years we had been telling each other that we must do something together. The whole thing snowballed — my words, Danny's music. We had to find more and more material."

The first show contained more purely political satire. Now, says Gefen, "politics doesn't interest me any more." He has taken leave of his weekly newspaper column. "Five years as the most extreme leftist on 'Ma'ariv' was enough."

Not that "Letters to the Editor" is short of political allusions, but the satire is light rather than biting, lies in the undertones rather than the explicit. "You can be intentionally understated — in a professional way. The Israeli audience is over-alert to all topical and political issues. Our idea was simply to entertain them in our own way and, at the same time, make them feel good. Our brand of humour — we just speak everyday

language, about everyday events — and it's funny. Let's face it, what goes on in Israel every day, is the best possible material for humour and satire, just open the paper. The most satirical programme on television is not 'Nikui Rosh,' but 'Kolbotek'! Real political satire is all too easy, not really what we want to do. For fifty years, people have been talking about borders, gaining territory, giving it back. What's new? And making fun of politicians is too easy."

Much of the show is ad-libbed,

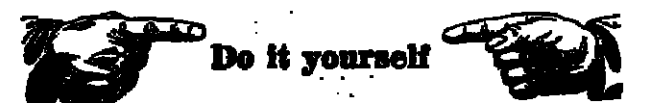
some of the material is changed and up-dated every few shows, while the songs and music, of course, remain the same. One song, "I shoot" contains references to the driver who shoots his hitch-hiking passenger for not being compliant, the patient who pulls out his gun on the doctor, the man who fails his driving test and shoots the examiner. "And we have a new topical verse to add almost every week." There are a lot of skits on the various media, insane letters to newspaper editors, those anonymous war and caruncle owners who "entertain" T.V. programmes like "That's My Secret." All are put across with a lot of verve, good timing, catchy music.

Sitting in a Disengoff cafe one morning last week, Jonathan Gefen and Danny Litani were precisely the same two casually relaxed young men they are on stage. They talk in exactly the same way, wear the same T-shirts and jeans, make the same sardonic remarks.

And the secret of the show is obviously just this. That it is not an "act" but two bright and not-very-angry young men (aged 29 and 32) "doing their own thing," a partnership between a good writer and a good musician, backed by three accompanists — Mickey Gabrielson on the guitar (he also contributed several songs), Danny Peer at the piano and Haim Romano on the drums.

The current show has just clocked up its hundredth performance and has firm bookings for the next four months at least. Audiences are mixed, receptive everywhere. "It doesn't seem to be a question of age, more of mentality. Acceptance has been positive all over the country, from kibbutz audiences to Beersheva. We've only once had paper darts thrown at us."

What started out as a way of spending Friday nights has turned into a virtually full time occupation for both Jonathan Gefen and Danny Litani. At the same time they are working, respectively, on a book of poems and a record. And the show will carry on "for as long as it carries on. Meanwhile it's any artist's dream to appear in a show which is all your own — and to succeed."



Replacing broken windows

THIS IS a fairly easy and straightforward job. The tools you need are a putty knife (or an old pointed knife), a hacking knife (sukin shel zagag in Hebrew) or an old chisel (misfelet), a hammer, weighing 400 grams, a pair of pliers or pliers, and about a dozen sprigs (small, almost headless nails).

First remove the broken glass carefully by wrapping several thicknesses of newspaper over the fragments and then levering them back and forth until they are loosened from the rebate (the out-ward part of the frame that holds the glass). Next, chip out the old putty, using the hacking knife and hammer (Fig. 1). Avoid cutting into the wooden frame. Now pull out the old

In this column, which is to appear weekly, Meir Factor will give advice on household repairs or improvements with materials and tools available locally.

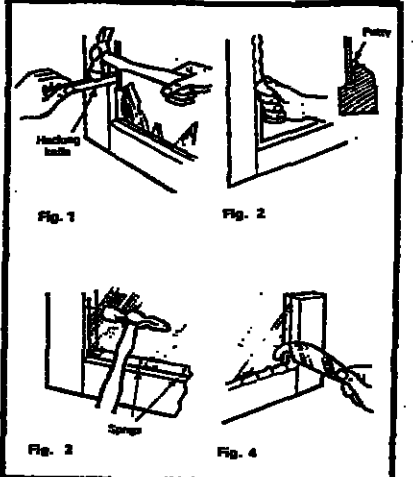
of up to about one metre square. For larger panes, it is advisable to buy glass of 4mm. thickness.

Knead the putty and remove any lumps in it. Using the putty knife — or your hand — bed a strip of putty in the rebate (Fig. 2). Place the glass carefully in the bottom of the rebate and insert by pressing on the edges of the glass only. If you press on the centre of the glass you may well break the pane.

When the glass is sufficiently bedded in, the sprigs are placed in each vertical side and at the top and bottom. To tap home the sprig, hold one carefully and position it against the wood with the sprig head against the glass. Tap it by sliding the head of the hammer over the surface of the glass until the sprig head just projects beyond the edge of the glass, retaining it. (Fig. 3).

Spread a strip of putty into the frame over the glass. Using the putty knife or pointed knife, bevel the edge of the putty (Fig. 4). Trim off the excess putty on the other side of the glass, filling in any gaps at the same time.

To replace a pane in an aluminium frame where the glass is held in place by a spring clip, the method is even simpler. Lever up the clip strip carefully with a screwdriver and remove all the broken glass and old putty. Measure the rebate as above but this time deduct 4mm from the measurements. When buying the glass and putty try and obtain the special grey putty for aluminium, as this grips the latter better than the normal linseed-oil putty used for wooden frames. Bed the putty as before, carefully press in the glass and gently replace the spring strips, tapping them lightly with the wooden handle of the hammer if necessary. Trim off excess putty and fill in any gaps.



springs from the frame with the pliers and clean the rebate of all dust and particles.

Measure the width across the rebate and deduct 3mm from the measurement (to leave sufficient space to insert the glass in the frame). Do the same with the vertical measurement. At your local glazier buy 3mm. thick glass to your dimensions. At the same time buy sufficient putty (in Hebrew merk or kitt). The glazier will advise you how much you will need for a particular pane. You can use 3mm glass in panes

Survivors return to River Kwai

By DENIS D. GRAY

VER KWAI (Thailand) — Thirty-four former British POWs and one German returned last week to the River Kwai to recall the past and to the "Last Post" sounded over graves of thousands of their comrades who died in the jungle as slave labourers of the Japanese during World War II.

Thirty years after their brutal deal of building the "death railway" and bridge over the River Kwai, made famous by the film of the same name, some of the British survivors say they still cringe at the thought of a Toyota car or the outstretched hand of a Japanese of their World War II generation.

"We've learned to live in the same way with the Japanese. We have a Londoner Peter Aliwood said at grave of one of his friends, "but I ask me to meet Japanese of my generation. There's too much to give and forget."

Aliwood was one of tens of thousands who were ordered to hack their way through dense jungle and down 400 kms. of railway track

between Thailand and Burma. Before the task — considered of strategic importance by the Japanese High Command — was finished, 80,000 British, Australian, Dutch and American POWs had died, along with some 100,000 Asians impressed into the project. The survivors say men perished from disease, malnutrition, exhaustion and because some simply "lost their will to live."

Today, the one-track bridge over the River Kwai — sometimes written as Kwae — still caters to a daily passenger train and to a brisk tourist trade undoubtedly sparked by Pierre Boulle's novel and the popular 1957 movie on the subject starring Sir Alec Guinness and William Holden.

The Japanese are among the largest group of visitors who make the three hour bus or car trip from Bangkok. A Japanese-erected monument and plaque, which honours all who died from "illness" while building the railway, stands a few hundred metres from the cement and steel span which was partially destroyed by allied bombing and repaired by Thailand. (AP)

More concern about The Pill

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration said last week that it is considering the removal of all sequential contraceptive pills from the market because they "may be associated with a higher risk of blood clots and cancer of the uterus."

The sequential pills contain only oestrogen for the first two weeks of the menstrual cycle and both oestrogen and progesterone for the third week. Combination birth control pills contain both hormones for three weeks.

Dr. Alexander Schmidt, Commissioner of the FDA, said that in a month the Agency would propose that oral contraceptives and oestrogen products used for treating symptoms of menopause should carry stiffer health warnings.

Dr. Schmidt, who made the

statements in the testimony to a Senate subcommittee, said that the usage of oestrogen for post-menopausal symptoms was currently well beyond what many physicians would consider wise in the light of recent studies linking the use of oestrogen with uterine cancer.

Other medical researchers told the subcommittee that hundreds of women die each year from heart attacks, strokes and other illnesses related to the use of birth control pills. They also reported increased concern about possible links between the pill and other oestrogen drugs, and breast cancer, and about their unknown effect on unborn children.

"We may very well, this generation, have created a cancer-causing epidemic," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, head of the subcommittee hearing the testimony. (Reuters)

'Little Ice Age' predicted

MERRIDGE, Mass. — A scientist predicts a "Little Ice Age" could hit in about 135 years.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology meteorologist Hurd C. Willett, in the latest issue of "Technology Review," predicted temperatures generally will get lower in coming years. He said this led to a period when glaciers in building up — a "Little Ice Age." He said the period would last up to 30 years, from 2110 to 2140.

Dr. Willett correctly forecast in 1971 that temperature levels over most of the world would drop significantly during the subsequent years. He also correctly predicted

a decline in hurricane activity along the North Atlantic coast, and a buildup along the Gulf coast during the 60's.

Willett's latest predictions include the following: "In the next 25 years, temperatures will fall significantly lower than in the past decade."

• Africa and Southern Asia are in for a 10-year period of severe drought.

• From 2000 to 2030, markedly warmer temperatures will return abruptly but will be followed rather quickly by a drop to even lower temperatures than before. (UPI)

'Flash' fashion week opens

Jerusalem Post Reporter

OCAL "Fashion Week," organized for the benefit of buyers for retail stores, will open at the Palti in Tel Aviv today and last until Friday. Some 50 fashion manufacturers will be showing their spring-summer collection to buyers from many hundreds of shops and boutiques throughout the country. Majority of these manufacturers do not export and many of their fashions are made of imported fabrics — which is not entirely in the spirit of spirit of belt-

tightening and "hard times."

The event is called "Flash," and it was first held last August to feature winter styles. Small and medium-sized manufacturers find the hotel showing a convenient and relatively inexpensive framework (cost is \$540 per firm) for showing their collections to buyers; it is not open to the public.

The export-oriented International Fashion Week, with which "Flash" has no connection, opens February 9 and is geared exclusively to foreign buyers.

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TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.

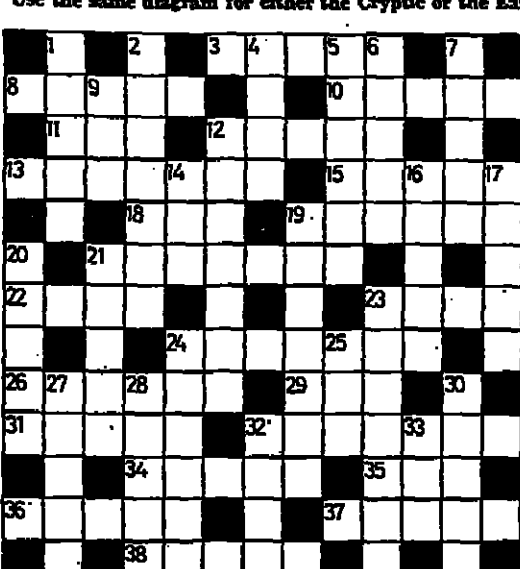
CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 3 Green jumpers! (5)
 5 No hat, perhaps, but a stick (5)
 10 To swell is right, in a way (5)
 11 Nicola's vegetable centre (3)
 12 Like free soup? (5)
 13 Manage to get the New Testament in color, some-how! (7)
 15 Indicate a wild bludge (5)
 16 Clean up after many an operation (3)
 19 A scale revised in France (5)
 21 Early form of amphibian (7)
 22 Tell of war on the sea (4)
 23 Wish one wasn't so short? (5)
 24 Vehicle that's nothing for a coster to get upset about (7)
 26 Important man in a phaser movement (5)
 29 Got one point ahead? (3)
 31 News a more sensible arrangement (5)
 32 Old prison, new entrance (7)
 34 Acceptable to VI, lad? (5)
 35 Money bird? (3)
 36 Take a change up! (5)
 37 She's a little beast (5)
 38 Drive off with some more pellets (5)

DOWN

- 1 Philosopher with taste (5)
 2 Upright fellow in uniform (5)
 4 A snack from the trolley (4)
 5 Betty's change of garb for some role (5)
 6 Hecates that mostly resist being broken (5)
 7 It serves as some indication of submarines (5)
 8 Not overrated (5)
 10 Wood in which Bobby gets soft and hard water (7)



EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 3 Sporting contest (5)
 5 Word (5)
 10 Inheritor (5)
 11 Hostilities (3)
 12 Walker (5)
 13 Agreed (7)
 15 (7)
 16 Sailor (3)
 19 Highly embellished (7)
 21 Prejudice (7)
 22 Pashamable (4)
 23 Honey drink (4)
 24 Whole number (3)
 26 Motor (6)
 29 Male animal (3)
 31 Portals (5)
 32 Reluctant (5)
 34 Localized (5)
 35 Signify agreement (3)
 36 Slightness (5)
 37 Scatter (5)
 38 Hints (5)

DOWN

- 1 Capes (5)
 2 Irregular (7)
 3 Fruit (6)
 4 Wading bird (5)
 6 Extreme (5)
 8 Counter (3)
 9 Brave woman (5)
 14 Joke (3)
 16 Thin biscuit (5)
 17 In wait (5)
 18 Commanded (7)
 20 Played a part (3)
 21 Popular game (5)
 23 Souvenir (7)
 24 Interior (6)
 25 Empty space (3)
 27 High-minded (5)
 28 Patters (5)
 30 Snake (5)
 33 Bureau (4)
 35 Neither (3)

Friday's Cryptic solution

- 14 A measure of productivity (3)
 16 Suriname Gerbo might have used (5)
 17 Cry of a rowin' eight! (5)
 19 The boy cried when permitted (5)
 20 Exchange that may come to pass out West (5)
 21 Educate in art, maybe (5)
 22 Brief denial (7)
 24 Admission to put butter on (5)
 25 Full from the East? (3)
 27 Wild about rodents! (5)
 28 "Chicken nerve" Not at all! (5)
 30 A hounded animal (5)
 32 Police ice resort (4)
 33 Time you need to whistle (5)
 34 Bonds, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 150, 155, 160, 165, 170, 175, 180, 185, 190, 195, 200, 205, 210, 215, 220, 225, 230, 235, 240, 245, 250, 255, 260, 265, 270, 275, 280, 285, 290, 295, 300, 305, 310, 315, 320, 325, 330, 335, 340, 345, 350, 355, 360, 365, 370, 375, 380, 385, 390, 395, 400, 405, 410, 415, 420, 425, 430, 435, 440, 445, 450, 455, 460, 465, 470, 475, 480, 485, 490, 495, 500, 505, 510, 515, 520, 525, 530, 535, 540, 545, 550, 555, 560, 565, 570, 575, 580, 585, 590, 595, 600, 605, 610, 615, 620, 625, 630, 635, 640, 645, 650, 655, 660, 665, 670, 675, 680, 685, 690, 695, 700, 705, 710, 715, 720, 725, 730, 735, 740, 745, 750, 755, 760, 765, 770, 775, 780, 785, 790, 795, 800, 805, 810, 815, 820, 825, 830, 835, 840, 845, 850, 855, 860, 865, 870, 875, 880, 885, 890, 895, 900, 905, 910, 915, 920, 925, 930, 935, 940, 945, 950, 955, 960, 965, 970, 975, 980, 985, 990, 995, 1000, 1005, 1010, 1015, 1020, 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An alcoholic solution to the energy problem ONE FOR THE ROAD

FOURTEEN HUNDRED years ago, Mohammed made the Arabs have anything to do with alcohol. Mohammed may have been more prophetic than realized, because the alcohol economy may be the answer to freeing much of the world from its critical dependence on oil.

The key to the alcohol economy was the observation, during World War II, that cotton ammunition its rotting very rapidly in the jungles of New Guinea. Someone's curiosity was aroused, and it was discovered that a fungus — *Trichoderma viride* — produced an enzyme that ate cellulose like crazy. Since then, researchers at the University of California at Berkeley and at the U.S. Army Natick Laboratories have developed improved fungi that produce two to four times as much enzyme as the wild fungus.

This fungus is the basis of a chemical conversion process that can take almost any kind of cellulose — newspaper, orange peel, alfalfa, computer printouts, waste, sawdust, barley stalks, *garum*, etc. — and cheaply convert it to glucose. The glucose can then be used to produce protein for animal food, alcohol for fuel, acetone for solvents, ethylene for plastics, and so on, and all at prices much less than the same products now obtained from petroleum.

Professor Charles R. Wilke, of Berkeley, estimates that by using household and agricultural waste, the U.S. could produce a million litres of alcohol a year, equivalent in energy to twice their annual production of gasoline.

Unlike oil, cellulose is enormously abundant, and produced wherever plants can grow. Dr. L.A. Spano, who developed a process at the Natick Laboratories, estimates that world production of cellulose is about 100 billion tonnes a year, or about 100 billion tonnes of cellulose a year, or about 100 billion tonnes of cellulose a year, or about 100 billion tonnes of cellulose a year.

1 kilos could be converted into about 30 litres of alcohol, enough to drive the typical small automobile 10 kms.

The actual production of glucose is very simple. You just put shredded cellulose material in a big vat with water and enzyme, and let it cook for a while. 50°C. The heat to keep the vat at 50°C can come from a solar heater, like the ones all over Israel.

By DR. YALE JAY LUBKIN
Special to the Jerusalem Post

After a day or two, the liquid in the vat contains mostly glucose, water and enzyme. The glucose and some water is filtered out, and the rest is sent back into the vat to work with the next batch. Some of the material is solid, and settles to the bottom. This is mostly lignin, which can be dried and burned to make chemicals.

To produce alcohol, the glucose and water mix is fermented, and the alcohol driven off in a still, just like the moonshiners do. Energy for distillation can come from the solar heater or from the lignin.

ONCE YOU have alcohol, what do you do with it? The simplest thing is to add it to gasoline. Before World War II, the Czechoslovaks had a problem disposing of surplus potatoes, so they converted the potatoes to alcohol, and added the stuff they didn't drink to all of the gasoline sold in Czechoslovakia. Nobody complained because the cars ran better than before.

Right now, the state of Nebraska in the U.S. is conducting a two million mile test of Gasohol — gasoline with 10 per cent alcohol added. The cars run fine, and use about 6 per cent less fuel than the same cars run on no-lead gasoline. The alcohol also raises the octane rating of the gas by three points. This means that two litres of alcohol can replace three litres of gasoline, which takes almost 10 litres of crude oil to make. It can also cut down on the use of lead in gasoline. Most cars need no changes at all.

Where does all the cellulose come from? Just about anything that comes from a plant: stems, leaves, bark, root, pulp, wood, straw. Special varieties of barley have been developed which can grow with salt water irrigation, so that the beaches of Israel could be used to grow both food and fuel. Wood chips, old Jerusalem Posts and manure gives all give about 284 litres of alcohol per ton, while rye grass straw gives 312 litres and computer printouts give 400 litres.

L AVIV STOCKS:

Israel Bank shores up index-linked

Jerusalem Post Reporter
L AVIV. The Bank of Israel issued to shore up index-linked bonds yesterday — a fact which surprised many brokers to think the Bank has decided that prices have reached their minimum, from which they can only rise. At any rate, 10-year index-linked bonds remained steady, due to the fact that 600,000 bonds were fixed at the open-market price by the Bank. The dollar Natad also seems to be rebounding from the bottom. A demand of \$117,000 — of which only \$45,000 was met — caused a price rise to \$1.840.

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INDEX-Linked		
10-year	270	269
5-year	265	264
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10-year	402.5	400
5-year	395	394
1968 (1)	325	324
1969 (1)	315	314
1970 (1)	305	304
1971 (1)	295	294
1972 (1)	285	284
1973 (1)	275	274
1974 (1)	265	264
1975 (1)	255	254
1976 (1)	245	244
1977 (1)	235	234
1978 (1)	225	224
1979 (1)	215	214
1980 (1)	205	204
1981 (1)	195	194
1982 (1)	185	184
1983 (1)	175	174
1984 (1)	165	164
1985 (1)	155	154
1986 (1)	145	144
1987 (1)	135	134
1988 (1)	125	124
1989 (1)	115	114
1990 (1)	105	104
1991 (1)	95	94
1992 (1)	85	84
1993 (1)	75	74
1994 (1)	65	64
1995 (1)	55	54
1996 (1)	45	44
1997 (1)	35	34
1998 (1)	25	24
1999 (1)	15	14
2000 (1)	5	4
INDUSTRIAL		
10-year	270	269
5-year	265	264
FINANCIAL		
10-year	270	269
5-year	265	264
GOVERNMENT		
10-year	270	269
5-year	265	264
PRIVATE		
10-year	270	269
5-year	265	264

Science industry for Beersheba

Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEERSHEBA. — A science-based industrial park will be set up near Be'er-Gurion University, here, with an investment of some IL10m. The announcement came on Friday from Mayor Eliahu Navi, after a meeting with the Minister of Commerce and Industry's assistant for development areas. The park, which will cover 3,500 sqm. in the first stage of construction, will be similar in design to industrial parks recently built in Haifa and Rehovot. Planned with the cooperation of the university's Research and Development Authority, the project is expected to attract scientists, economists and businessmen to Beersheba.

Year's tourism total — 619,600

Jerusalem Post Travel Correspondent
FINAL STATISTICS for tourism in 1975 yesterday disclosed that the year's total of 619,600 visitors was only one per cent below the previous year's total. The total, announced by the Central Bureau of Statistics, is 0.2 per cent better than the figure given by the Tourism Ministry earlier this month. The reason is the Bureau's subsequent discovery of some 2,000 tourists from Europe who had "gone astray" somewhere in the statistical process. The result is that Europe's share in the total rose to 52 per cent. North America, once Israel's main source of tourists, provided only 27 per cent (169,300), while the Western Hemisphere as a whole accounted for 37 per cent.

Three food firms cited for good packaging

TEL AVIV. — Three Israeli food manufacturers last week were named winners of a food-packaging contest sponsored by the Israel Packaging Institute as part of "Food Week," which was held here. First prize was taken by Telma soups; second by the Danenberg company, makers of Aviv matzot; and third by Pri-Zeh, for their canned potatoes. Honourable mention was given to Ardi, for their mustard tube containers; to Sabra, for their liqueur cartons; and to Beit Yitzhak 778 (preserves), for their gift jars. (Ihm)

IN MARKET NEWS:

A continuing rise in silver medal prices

CONTINUING rise in the prices of silver medals — by some five pence — marked last week's coin trade. This is particularly surprising if one considers that throughout the past year most of these prices remained unchanged and were, on the whole, quite low. There were few changes in gold coin prices, the most noticeable being a drop in the prices of both the "Ben-Gurion" and the "Bonds" coins which fell by IL50.

Name	Quantity	Issue Price IL	Market Price IL	Year & Name	Quantity	Issue Price IL	Market Price IL
100 — Purim Coins	20,000	1.00	240	1969 — (K)	20,000	25.00	250
50 — Shalom	5,000	2.00	300	1970 — (K)	20,000	25.00	130
25 — Shalom	10,000	1.00	160	1971 — (K)	20,000	25.00	170
10 — Shalom	10,000	0.50	80	1972 — (K)	20,000	25.00	200
5 — Shalom	10,000	0.25	40	1973 — (K)	20,000	25.00	230
2 — Shalom	10,000	0.10	10	1974 — (K)	20,000	25.00	260
1 — Shalom	10,000	0.05	5	1975 — (K)	20,000	25.00	290
100 — Independence Day Coins	20,000	1.00	240	1976 — (K)	20,000	25.00	320
50 — Independence Day	5,000	2.00	300	1977 — (K)	20,000	25.00	350
25 — Independence Day	10,000	1.00	160	1978 — (K)	20,000	25.00	380
10 — Independence Day	10,000	0.50	80	1979 — (K)	20,000	25.00	410
5 — Independence Day	10,000	0.25	40	1980 — (K)	20,000	25.00	440
2 — Independence Day	10,000	0.10	10	1981 — (K)	20,000	25.00	470
1 — Independence Day	10,000	0.05	5	1982 — (K)	20,000	25.00	500
100 — Bonds	20,000	1.00	240	1983 — (K)	20,000	25.00	530
50 — Bonds	5,000	2.00	300	1984 — (K)	20,000	25.00	560
25 — Bonds	10,000	1.00	160	1985 — (K)	20,000	25.00	590
10 — Bonds	10,000	0.50	80	1986 — (K)	20,000	25.00	620
5 — Bonds	10,000	0.25	40	1987 — (K)	20,000	25.00	650
2 — Bonds	10,000	0.10	10	1988 — (K)	20,000	25.00	680
1 — Bonds	10,000	0.05	5	1989 — (K)	20,000	25.00	710
100 — Special Issues	20,000	1.00	240	1990 — (K)	20,000	25.00	740
50 — Special Issues	5,000	2.00	300	1991 — (K)	20,000	25.00	770
25 — Special Issues	10,000	1.00	160	1992 — (K)	20,000	25.00	800
10 — Special Issues	10,000	0.50	80	1993 — (K)	20,000	25.00	830
5 — Special Issues	10,000	0.25	40	1994 — (K)	20,000	25.00	860
2 — Special Issues	10,000	0.10	10	1995 — (K)	20,000	25.00	890
1 — Special Issues	10,000	0.05	5	1996 — (K)	20,000	25.00	920
100 — Freedom	20,000	1.00	240	1997 — (K)	20,000	25.00	950
50 — Freedom	5,000	2.00	300	1998 — (K)	20,000	25.00	980
25 — Freedom	10,000	1.00	160	1999 — (K)	20,000	25.00	1,010
10 — Freedom	10,000	0.50	80	2000 — (K)	20,000	25.00	1,040
5 — Freedom	10,000	0.25	40	2001 — (K)	20,000	25.00	1,070
2 — Freedom	10,000	0.10	10	2002 — (K)	20,000	25.00	1,100
1 — Freedom	10,000	0.05	5	2003 — (K)	20,000	25.00	1,130
100 — Ben-Gurion	20,000	1.00	240	2004 — (K)	20,000	25.00	1,160
50 — Ben-Gurion	5,000	2.00	300	2005 — (K)	20,000	25.00	1,190
25 — Ben-Gurion	10,000	1.00	160	2006 — (K)	20,000	25.00	1,220
10 — Ben-Gurion	10,000	0.50	80	2007 — (K)	20,000	25.00	1,250
5 — Ben-Gurion	10,000	0.25	40	2008 — (K)	20,000	25.00	1,280
2 — Ben-Gurion	10,000	0.10	10	2009 — (K)	20,000	25.00	1,310
1 — Ben-Gurion	10,000	0.05	5	2010 — (K)	20,000	25.00	1,340
100 — Jerusalem	20,000	1.00	240	2011 — (K)	20,000	25.00	1,370
50 — Jerusalem	5,000	2.00	300	2012 — (K)	20,000	25.00	1,400
25 — Jerusalem	10,000	1.00	160	2013 — (K)	20,000	25.00	1,430
10 — Jerusalem	10,000	0.50	80	2014 — (K)	20,000	25.00	1,460
5 — Jerusalem	10,000	0.25	40	2015 — (K)	20,000	25.00	1,490
2 — Jerusalem	10,000	0.10	10	2016 — (K)	20,000	25.00	1,520
1 — Jerusalem	10,000	0.05	5	2017 — (K)	20,000	25.00	1,550
100 — Shalom (S.F.)	20,000	1.00	240	2018 — (K)	20,000	25.00	1,580
50 — Shalom (S.F.)	5,000	2.00	300	2019 — (K)	20,000	25.00	1,610
25 — Shalom (S.F.)	10,000	1.00	160	2020 — (K)	20,000	25.00	1,640
10 — Shalom (S.F.)	10,000	0.50	80	2021 — (K)	20,000	25.00	1,670
5 — Shalom (S.F.)	10,000	0.25	40	2022 — (K)	20,000	25.00	1,700
2 — Shalom (S.F.)	10,000	0.10	10	2023 — (K)	20,000	25.00	1,730
1 — Shalom (S.F.)	10,000	0.05	5	2024 — (K)	20,000	25.00	1,760



"Pet Rock" promoter Gary Dahl of Los Gatos, California, rings up \$2m. in sales for the novelty item. He has sold 1,000,000 rocks in less than three months. (UPI)

'Freeze in services is wrong'

By YAA'COV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — The freeze on the services of the public sector, which is being implemented by the Government, is "inimical and inefficient services" — and the attempt to cut back manpower in the services by an arbitrary freezing of the civil service budget — is likely to result in exactly the opposite effect, according to Prof. Ezer Dar-El of the Technion. "By freezing the budget and running down the service industries, which are essential to a modern economy, what you get is a lot of frustrated civil servants doing even less than they are already doing."

Bromide plant transfer approved

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The economic ministerial committee has approved a \$11m. investment by Israel Chemicals in a bromide factory in the Netherlands. The investment was also approved by the Investment Authority, the Government Corporation Authority and by the foreign exchange department of the Treasury.

The investment is in transfer-thermoplastics. The move is being made ring the existing plant in Holland owned by Bromchem — a subsidiary of Israel Chemicals — from Wierden to Transvynen in the Netherlands. The move is being made in order to construct a new terminal for distributing bromide throughout Europe. Israel has increased Dead Sea production to 50,000 tons and is the fourth largest bromide producer in the world. Profits in the next four to seven years are expected to cover the investment.

The investment includes \$4.5m. of company capital, \$4.5m. in long-term loans, and \$2.0m. from a Dutch Government grant.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

DEVELOPMENT LOANS, as of December 23, are 50 per cent linked to the consumer price index and carry five per cent interest. The total interest plus linkage will not exceed 12 per cent in A development area, 14 per cent in B and 17 per cent in C. The Treasury spokesman announced. The linkage to the index will start with the December index, published on January 15. By the end of January, 1977 the banks will compute the linkage rate. Payments due during the year will carry linkage according to the estimates of the national budget.

THE INVESTMENT Authority during 1975 approved 1,137 new investments, 10 per cent more than in 1974. The total investments approved amounted to IL7,500,000, compared to IL6,000,000 in 1974. 75 per cent of the new investments are in industry. However, only 9.5 per cent are in new plants, while the majority are in increased costs and in increasing existing capacity. Most of the approved investments were done by the public and Hatzadut sector, while the private sector's share was only 27 per cent.

THE GOVERNMENT will spend IL100m. in search and development in industrial and energy projects in 1976. Commerce and Industry Minister Ezer Bar-Lev told a meeting of the Treasury Council. This year IL50m. was allocated for this purpose out of the IL200m. invested in R&D.

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FOREIGN CURRENCY RATES FOR 23.1.76	Official Exchange Rates (cashiers and cheques)	Purchase	Sale
U.S. Dollar	2.2490	2.2490	
Sterling	15.5432	15.7044	
Rand	8.2888	8.4066	
Swiss Fr.	2.76706	2.76975	
French Fr.	1.93212	1.93205	
Dutch Fl.	2.69797	2.72384	
DM	2.76364	2.76337	

INTERBANK SPOT RATES	Dollar	DM	Swiss Fr.	Lire	Belgian Fr.	Dutch Fl.	Yen	French Fr.	Gold price
	2.0220/25 per \$	2.6030/40 per \$	2.6030/40 per \$	No Market	39.33/34 per \$	2.6720/25 per \$	303.90/15 per \$	4.4940/80 per \$	\$120 — 130
FORWARD RATES	1 Mos. 3 Mos. 6 Mos.	2.0000/05 2.0000/10 2.0000/15	2.5995/05 2.5995/10 2.5995/15	2.5995/05 2.5995/10 2.5995/15					

Flexible working hours catch on in Europe

By J. VOET
Special to the Jerusalem Post

FLEXIBLE working hours (FWH) were first introduced several years ago in Germany. The experiment proved to be a success and was soon being copied in several European countries. It is now reported that close to one-third of all workers in Switzerland, where the system has apparently been most successful, are on some arrangement of flexible working hours.

There are several different ways of implementing this system. That most preferred is called "moving working time." Here the factory opens at 7 a.m. and closes at 6 p.m. and the worker, though still held to an eight-hour day, can choose his own hours. As the factory is only open for 11 hours, he cannot start later than 10 a.m. nor leave earlier than 4 p.m. This period is called "core time." Consequently, all workers are at their jobs between 10 in the morning and four in the afternoon; before and after these hours the factory work benches or office desks are only partly occupied.

A more complicated, yet more adaptable way of arranging flexible working hours is the "variable working schedule." This arrangement not only makes it possible to start working at an early hour, or finish later, but also allows one to work a different number of hours on different days. With a variable working schedule, an employee creates hour surpluses or hour shortages. Once a month working hours are tallied, and surpluses or shortages of up to 10 hours may be carried over to the next month.

Variable working schedules and flexible working hours are only possible if comings and goings are carefully registered. A time clock is consequently indispensable for a smooth operation of any FWH arrangement.

The Swiss experience has induced Mr. H. Allemann, Director of the Central Union of Swiss Employers Associations, to make a study of the subject, which was recently published by the Geneva-based International Labour Organization.

Swiss employers seem to regard the flexible working hour system with enthusiasm. It has proven to be much more than a makeshift gimmick, according to the knowledgeable Mr. Allemann, and has established itself as a new technique whose advantages and drawbacks merit impartial examination.

The system grants the workers greater freedom, and allows the adjustment of working hours to suit the individual's life style, thereby creating a better atmosphere at work. Employers list advantages: the higher productivity, reduced labour turnover, less overtime and less waste of working time. A byproduct, some employers stress, is better personnel management, as flexible working hours call for better organization and

Rabin goes to Washington

PREMIER YITZHAK RABIN faces a tough and unenviable task as he sets out for the U.S. today. The current situation in the Middle East is uncertain, and the future is fraught with danger. War-torn America is turning inward now, devoting itself increasingly to the business of electing a new President. What it wants above all in the Middle East is a year of relative tranquillity, and it looks mainly to Israel to ensure that.

Israel fervently shares the desire for continued tranquillity and progress towards peace. The two countries also agree that only within the framework of negotiation, free from the threat of imposed settlement, can progress be assured. What is missing in the search for the common aim is a common perception about the means of achieving it.

"Momentum" will be the key-word in Mr. Rabin's discussions in Washington, but neither side seems to have a clear idea at this point of how to achieve renewed momentum, and in what direction to channel it. The "Jordanian option" may seem an attractive possibility — but is it practicable? There is no indication from Amman that Jordan is presently prepared to risk incurring the wrath of the Arab hardliners (after many months of assiduously cultivating their friendship) in the vague hope of an interim agreement with Israel. The Israel government for its part has shown little inclination to pursue an option that promises little gain for peace — and which would in any case have to be tested first at the polls.

As for Syria, it continues to rudely spurn any prospect of negotiation, while pursuing, together with the PLO and with the enthusiastic support of the Soviets, a policy that seems calculated to drag the area to the brink of another war. Syrian success in establishing a virtual protectorate over Lebanon, through the agency of the PLO, is certain to raise still further the level of belligerence in Damascus. The end of May, when the UNDOF mandate lapses again, is already looming as a critical date.

Meanwhile, Syrian policy appears likely to reap another success at the Security Council, where the U.S. may be manoeuvred to the role of Israel's sole supporter.

Mr. Rabin's chief task will be to persuade Washington to stand up to Syrian-Soviet brinkmanship during the coming months. He will also seek to persuade the American government and public opinion that Israel is anxious to contribute to the process of peacemaking, and that it is not, as it is sometimes accused, stalling in the hope that something better will turn up.

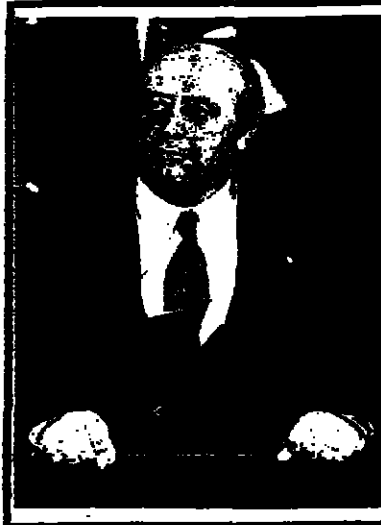
There is certainly widespread recognition in Jerusalem today that "stand-patience" is no substitute for policy, and that positive progress, whether through interim stages or in an overall settlement effort, is imperative. There is a basic awareness that standing still does not serve the country's best interests.

But that does not mean momentum for momentum's sake. The underlying desire for progress cannot dictate precipitate actions — even those that win plaudits from the galleries — if the circumstances make such actions unwise. An understanding between Washington and Jerusalem on what is, and what is not, politically feasible will best serve the cause of Middle East peace in the months ahead.

Turkey — trying to win friends and influence people in the Arab world

By SAM COHEN

ISTANBUL



Turkish Premier Süleyman Demirel. (Camera Press)

THE GROWING rapprochement between Turkey and the Arab countries is expected soon to include Egypt, the Arab country which has so far remained the most hostile to Ankara.

Turkish overtures to "conservative" and "radical" Arab governments have started to pay dividends. Ankara has set up friendly ties and cooperation with neighbouring Iraq. Frequent high-level contacts between the two countries have included a visit to Baghdad by General Semih Sancar, Turkish chief of staff. The solution of the Kurdish problem in Iraq has eased relations and a basis for economic cooperation, including the setting up of a gas pipeline, has also been reached.

Relations with Syria, which were strained in the past both because of ideological differences (Ankara was fearful of the Soviet infiltration and military build-up in Syria) as well as because of old Syrian claims to the Turkish province of Alexandretta, have considerably improved in recent months.

ANKARA HAS also developed relations with Saudi Arabia and Jordan, whose regimes are sympathetically viewed by Süleyman Demirel's conservative Government, and particularly by the pro-Islamic Vice-Premier Necmettin Erbakan.

Libya occupies a special case in Turkey's foreign relations. The two countries have signed numerous economic cooperation agreements. Turkish engineers and workers are employed in Libya and several joint investment projects in Turkey and Libya are now under way. Libya's military assistance to Turkey (in spare parts and oil) during the Cyprus invasion of 1974 is remembered with gratitude by the Turks.

Good relations are also maintained with Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco, and Turkey has supported the Palestine Liberation Organiza-

tion at the United Nations and expressed readiness to allow the opening of a PLO office in Ankara.

THE TURKISH overtures to the Arabs and the Islamic world are aimed at gaining moral and economic support — mainly political backing on Cyprus in the international forums, and oil and/or credits to finance economic development projects in Turkey. In spite of some occasional disappointments (the hoped-for support at the UN on Cyprus was one), Turkish officials seem quite happy with the results so far.

Coldly, Egypt has so far remained outside this campaign to win friends and influence people in the Arab world. Relations between Cairo and Ankara have remained as cool recently as they did for several

years, since Nasser's regime.

Nasser believed Turkey was too involved in the West's "imperialist" plans against the Arabs, such as the now defunct Baghdad Pact, the American invasion of Lebanon and the 1956 Anglo-French military action against Suez. As a leader of the non-aligned countries, Nasser became a close friend and supporter of Archbishop Makarios, the Greek Cypriot President and Turkey's great enemy.

Under President Anwar Sadat, the Egyptians continued to side with Makarios. Mrs. Sadat even took the lead last year in a march in Cyprus of Greek Cypriot women demonstrating against the Turks. All this gave enough reason for Turkish anger at the Egyptians.

HOWEVER, in the last few days Turkish officials — and some Lebanese newspapers — have signalled new indications of a possible reconciliation. Sadat's recent interview with Turkish TV in which he praised Kemal Ataturk as a source of inspiration for his policy aroused considerable pleasure here.

The Turkish Ambassador in Cairo, Fahri Alacem, reported at a recent meeting of Turkish envoys in Ankara that Sadat was sincerely welcoming an improvement and development of relations with Turkey. The Ambassador also disclosed that the Egyptian Government was considering inviting Foreign Minister Tansu Caglayangi to visit Cairo in the near future.

Turkish diplomatic circles explain this change by pointing to the rift in the Arab world caused by the recent Sinai agreement. Sadat needs friends — and Turkey can be a valuable one. Secondly, unlike Nasser, Sadat has now turned to the American camp for support, and therefore Nasser's allegations against Ankara are no longer valid. (Oddly, as the Egyptians move closer to the U.S., Turkey is disenchanted with the Americans and is seeking links with Moscow. *Ophe*)

READERS' LETTERS

IN DEFENCE OF JUNG

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In taking up the canard of Jung's so-called anti-Semitism, Mrs. A.M. Joki (December 10), despite the objective tone of her letter, displays the same non-objective selectivity of "facts" (and omission of facts) which characterize the initial charges, and which create just that "distortion of truth" against which she so eloquently protests.

Her surprise "that the exhibition 'The life and work of C.G. Jung' was presented without commentary by the Hebrew University," and her bewilderment that Jung's Jewish disciples "play down and apologise for facts" which presumably point up Jung's anti-Semitism, are examples of her selective blindness. For the University added to the display an anti-Jung article by one of its most vitriolic attackers. Next to this was a recouping of all the facts by Jung's "Jewish disciples," which played down nothing, but presented a fuller picture, which does not add up to anti-Semitism when objectively evaluated, even taking into account Jewish hypersensitivity on this score.

Mrs. Joki's blandly presumed "proof" of Jung's anti-Semitism

by referring to it as "a fact widely documented and confirmed by personal experiences" is just the kind of statement from which we Jews in particular have suffered through the ages.

But all these erroneous hashed-over charges would not have merited a response were it not for the accusation against Jung's spiritual integrity, which is all the more reprehensible since it is linked, in apparent "fairness" to an acknowledgment of his scientific genius. No one claimed all-knowingness for Jung, nor freedom from error, least of all Jung himself. But to malign his personal integrity is a grave injustice not only to a man whose life was a veritable model of devotion to the truth, but also to the not inconsiderable number of his Jewish co-workers and students who knew him intimately from the late 1930s until his death in 1961, and who are in a much better position than Mrs. Joki to judge his spiritual integrity.

DR. H. Y. KLUGER
 DR. G. DREIFUSS
 The Israel Association of Analytical Psychology
 Haifa, January 17.

N.Y. CHARTER PROTEST

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The Association of Parents of American Israelis, a large and growing American organization, strongly protests the short-sighted proposal of the Beth Shalom Committee to set up charter flights to Israel only to the West Coast of the United States. This is discrimination against 2,500,000 Jews in the New York City area and a million more in other East Coast cities.

Does anyone think a New Yorker will pay full price for a plane ticket to Israel when a person in California can get it by half-price charter? They are not that crazy and your officials would be foolish if they think we are.

New Yorkers are the strongest, largest, most loyal supporters Israel has in the whole world. If the Israeli

Ministry of Transportation spits in their faces, New Yorkers will inevitably loose some of their zeal and love for Israel.

If Israel is going to try charter flights, do it with a full heart, please. You will find Israel will prosper its hotels and restaurants will be filled with people who love Israel. And those empty seats I see on El Al planes will be filled also.

We also protest on behalf of 50,000 parents whose children have become Israeli citizens and who want to come to see their children and grandchildren as often as possible, but cannot afford the present high fares.

KENNETH C. JOHNSTON
 Public Affairs Chairman,
 Association of Parents of American Israelis
 Tel Aviv (New York), January 21.

TRANSLATION ERROR

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I refer to Rev. Duvernoy's criticism of my booklet, "Forgotten Generations," for omitting the name of Jesus from the translation of an extract from Felix Bovet's book (January 22).

Upon checking my original text (written in 1970), I find that Jesus' name is included. It was omitted in error during editing, translating (from my Hebrew original to English), or printing. I greatly regret having overlooked this omission when checking the final proofs. I hope it will be corrected in the forthcoming editions. My sincere thanks to Rev. Duvernoy for pointing out the error.

My version which includes the phrase "undoubtedly he has preserved it for the people of Israel" is from the English edition of 1982 to which Bovet himself gave formal

approval. I still do not see where the "grave falsifications" are.

As to Rev. Duvernoy's regret at the absence of quotations from biblical sources, I deliberately avoided citations from the Old Testament, the New Testament or the Koran since I was aiming at a factual, documented account which could be accepted objectively by readers regardless of their particular faith or lack of it.

DAN BAHAT
 Jerusalem, January 22.

IRIS J. SWAB (23), of Stoney Run Road, R.D. 2, Dillsburg, Pennsylvania 17019, is married and a secretary and would like to have Israeli penfriends. She is interested in creative crafts, writing poetry, cats and nature study.

SHORT SKIRTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Apart from the usual sad New Year tidings of bombings, murder and mayhem in Ulster, by far the most gloomy TV news was the announcement that those delightful girls of your Armed Forces have been ordered to lower their hemlines.

Israel is my favourite overseas country; your ladies are not only intellectually brilliant and talented, but beautiful as well — a rare and precious combination. Their figures and legs are therefore all the more worthy of modest display and are guaranteed to brighten up the dullest day or occasion.

I am therefore shocked that those in charge of your Armed Forces (and who, in view of the tremendous achievements of these forces, must have gained their exalted rank by sheer brilliance) have seen fit to issue this decree and give the impression, however false, of being "fuddy-duddies" of the Victorian drawing-room novelette.

THOMAS TAYLOR
 Harwell, Oxfordshire, January 7.

UPROOTED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I was shocked to read about the aftermath of the Supreme Court ruling in the Yundeff case. These two little boys should remain in their homeland. The idea that these innocent children should be forcefully uprooted and sent back to Germany of all places against their will should be abhorrent to every thinking Israeli with an ounce of conscience.

ROSE MARASH
 Frankfurt, January 13.

U.S. ELECTIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — There are literally tens of thousands of Americans living in Israel, as tourists, temporary residents and permanent residents. Most of them hold valid U.S. passports and are eligible to vote in the forthcoming primary elections and later in the national elections for the U.S. Presidency. Not many avail themselves of this right because of past difficulties in obtaining absentee ballots from former home states.

As of the beginning of this year, a new law is in effect which makes applications for absentee ballots uniform for all states. A card, which is simple to fill out, can be obtained at all U.S. consulates and will be certified by the Consul upon proof of the applicant's U.S. citizenship.

ALBERT A. FELDMANN
 Tel Aviv, January 15.

PENFRIENDS

PEDRO INARRA (27), of Hermodilla 189, 2-D, Madrid 28, Spain, is a doctor in a laboratory and would like to correspond with Israelis in order to exchange books, magazines, ideas and opinions.

Norton Mezvinsky cautiously confirms, in the interview by POST Correspondent Wolf Blitzer, report that he has maintained contacts with officials in the U.S. Administration and the PLO.

Anti-Israel Jewish professor in secret U.S. link with PLO

WASHINGTON. — The man whom London's *Financial Times* named last week as a secret link between the State Department and the PLO is an outspoken anti-Zionist supporter of the Palestinians, who also happens to be Jewish.

He is Professor Norton Mezvinsky, 40, a history teacher at Connecticut State College in New Britain and well-known among pro-Israel circles here as belonging to the tiny yet vocal group of anti-Zionist American Jews. Rabbi Elmer Berger, the one-time head of the anti-Israel American Council for Judaism, was a close associate of Mezvinsky.

"In Israel, the group I most closely associate with is the Israel League for Human and Civil Rights," Mezvinsky told *The Jerusalem Post* in an interview last week following publication of the *Financial Times* report. Dr. Israel Shahak, a professor at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, is chairman of the League, which is very critical of Israeli Governmental policies. Shahak is also a strong and vocal supporter of the Palestinians.

"Politically," Mezvinsky said, "I am closer to him (Shahak) than I am to anyone else."

The State Department formally denied the *Financial Times* story, which alleged that Mezvinsky had acted as a secret go-between, carrying two or three messages between the PLO and Washington. A State Department spokesman said: "This story is incorrect. While individuals come to us from time to time purporting to carry messages from the PLO, I can state categorically and without qualification that the reports in this story about either the existence or the substance of a purported dialogue between the U.S. government and the PLO are totally incorrect. As the story itself says, the U.S. has never authorized anyone to act formally or informally as an emissary on its behalf to the PLO. We have no contacts with the PLO."

MEZVINSKY, who has met with PLO chief Yasser Arafat, was less categorical in his denial. He merely denied that the State Department had "authorized" him "to negotiate" with Arafat or anyone else in the PLO. But the bearded professor, (whose brother is Rep. Edward Mezvinsky from Iowa, a staunch friend of Israel on Capitol Hill), concedes that he does have contacts with the U.S. government and the PLO.

"I have had some contacts with both high circles in the PLO and in the U.S. government regarding some potential topics of discussion between the two," he said carefully phrasing his statement.

Mezvinsky noted that he did not speak with the *Financial Times* before the controversial report was published, adding that the story probably originated with "among other sources, some PLO officials who do not support any reconciliation with Israel. He said there is a split within the PLO between those who are ready to live in peace with Israel and those opposed to accepting anything less than the dismantling of Israel."

MEZVINSKY HIMSELF supports mutual recognition by Israel and the PLO. "I do believe that the Israeli government should recognize the PLO as the representative of the Palestinians at this time and the PLO should simultaneously recognize the fact of Israel's existence," he said. "A good step in the right direction at this time would involve the establishment of a West Bank/Gaza Strip Palestinian state."

Mezvinsky, who said that he was planning a ten-day visit to Israel, probably in March, refused to name the State Department officials with whom he has developed contacts. "I won't comment on that," he said.

Fluent in Hebrew, Mezvinsky knows many Israelis, and has met on occasion with Israeli officials. He denies, however, that the Israeli government has ever asked him to carry a message to the PLO. He is a frequent visitor both to Israel and the Arab world, having been to Beirut three times last fall alone. Secretary of State Kissinger maintains that the U.S. government will not deal in any way with the PLO before the terrorist organization accepts Israel and Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, told a congressional committee in November that the U.S. was aware of the PLO position and not have to begin direct contact with the organization in order to out where the PLO stands.

Kissinger pointed out that a U.S. congressman has recently met with PLO leaders and have reported to the State Department their talks. Sen. George McGovern (D-S. Dak.) was among them.

OTHER AMERICAN officials maintained last week that the U.S. did need the services of a "proxy" professor to convey messages to receive signals from the PLO, fact, low level U.S. officials said in the Arab world have met with PLO, although the State Department says that the meetings were "not official."

Mezvinsky, who is very sensitive about the whole issue, warns that the State Department is not telling the whole truth, and asked whether he knew of any Department requests to others to act as intermediaries between the State Department and the PLO. Mezvinsky would merely say: "The comment on that."

Mezvinsky said that the "ultimate objective" of the U.S. government should be to exert pressure on the PLO to begin discussions with the U.S. For many years, one of Mezvinsky's major goals has been to achieve this.

A FORMER head of the anti-Israel American Council for Judaism, Mezvinsky gained notoriety in American Jewish community when he attempted a few years ago to remove the tax-exempt status of United Jewish Appeal.

(Under U.S. law, the UJA is a charity and contributors deduct their contribution to it from their annual earnings before their income tax.)

Together with several other Israeli spokesmen, including Shalom Jabara, the Arab-American who represented Robert Kennedy convicted assassin, Sirhan Sirhan, Mezvinsky fled suit in Washington District Court challenging the UJA tax status. The court later rejected their civil action.

The suit charged that the UJA had received funds from the U.S. "Israel, Arab, Zionist, and other organizations." It also accused U.S. government of fostering Israel's "racial discrimination" permitting the tax exempt status of the UJA to remain in effect.

Other members of the group, including Mezvinsky and Jabara, challenge were such well-known anti-Israel advocates as Norman Dacey, chairman of the Anti-Palestine Committee; Prof. Itzhak Abu-Lughod, former president of Association of Arab-American University Graduates; and Dr. Haim Shalom, editor of *Beit* "Journal of Palestine Studies."

Sen. Frank Church's subcommittee on multinational corporations recently named a new director, periodical, "Know," organized by Mezvinsky, as last received \$10,000 in laundered oil funds. The money was transferred from Gulf through Beirut bank to the account of International Affairs Consultants, which existed between 1973 and

Dry Bones



ISRAEL PRESS

'Lebanese Christians surrender'

DAVAR (Histadrut) claims that the Christians have surrendered and Lebanon is now under Moslem control. "If this is the end of the affair, Israel should see the situation as it is. From now on Lebanon will be just another confrontation state controlled by Syria and the PLO." The paper concludes that the West has calmly accepted this change which dramatically alters the situation for the Christians and endangers the entire Middle East.

AL HAMMAM (Mapam) states that the imposed settlement means that Israel will have to watch her northern border very carefully. "The entire world can now judge how the PLO's idea of a 'democratic secular state' works out in practice in Lebanon."

HA'ARETZ (Independent) calls the six-nation (Rumanian, Pakistani, Tanzanian, Guyanese, Panamanian and Benin) draft resolution a contradiction in terms. The demand that Israel withdraw from all the occupied territories cannot be equated

with the line "guaranteeing secure and recognized borders" and with the other demand that the Arab refugees be allowed to return to their homes or receive compensation. The West should reject this one-sided resolution, the paper concludes.

HATZOFE (National Religious) writes that one of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's main aims must be directed at removing the PLO — "whose murderous character was demonstrated both in the Security Council and in Lebanon" — from the international arena. Rabin's trip to Washington has considerable value in explaining Israel's position on political and defence issues to U.S. public opinion by pointing out that "as long as the Arabs do not want peace, but elect the murderers' organizations to represent the Palestinians, a guarantee for Israel's security and for the prevention of Soviet penetration in the region is common cause between Israel and the United States."

VALUE ADDED TAX — WHAT'S NEW?

Value Added Tax will be introduced in the near future, and the Customs and Excise Department is publishing background information, details and current announcements on the new tax, in a series of special notices.

These notices will be open to questions from the public, which will be answered by the Customs and Excise Department.

The notices will appear in *The Jerusalem Post* twice a week, on Page 7.

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